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Further Debate in the Senate on the Tenure-of-Office Law.

Five Long Speeches Made but No Vote Taken.

Arrival of Ex-President Johnson at His Home in Tennessee.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Further Debate on Mr. Gladstone's Irish Church Bill—Speech of Hon. John Bright—Marine Disaster.

LONDON, Saturday, March 20.

Mr. GLADSTONE's bill "to put an end to the establishment of the Church of Ireland, and to make provision in respect of the temporalities thereof, and in respect of the Royal College of Maynooth," came up again in the House of Commons last evening, and was debated at great length.

Sir JOHN GRAY, (Liberal,) the member from Kilkenny, regarded the Established Church in Ireland as a badge of conquest, and asserted that it must be abolished.

Mr. EDWARD MIALL, (Liberal,) from Bradford, also supported the bill in a speech of considerable length, and was followed by Right Honorable STAFFORD HENRY NORTHCOTE in opposition.

JOHN BRIGHT then took the floor and delivered a long and able speech in favor of the measure. The Established Church of England had the assent of a large majority of the people of England, but the question was whether that Church was good also for the people of Ireland. The opponents of this bill had utterly failed to prove that the opinion of the civilized world was hostile to this measure, as had been stated. He reviewed the opinions of statesmen on the question, and quoted Lord STANLEY's remark that "Ireland was the question of the hour." He referred to the conduct of Lord MAYO, while Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and the position of other Tories, to show that that party had no policy on the Irish question. The bill now before the House, he continued, was acceptable to the mass of the people of Ireland, Catholics and Protestants as well, and was almost universally approved by the people of England. As had been before stated here the Established Church in Ireland was a "badge of conquest." Conservatives of the future would view the attitude of the present Conservatives on this question with surprise. He quoted CAVOUR's work on Ireland, where that author shows that the Established Church promotes disaffection and animosities in that country and causes the peasantry to be in a worse condition than the slaves of the Antilles, and that the Irish were continually protesting against it. The speaker then contrasted the position of the Church in England. England's liberties, he said, were not secured by the Churches, but by the Puritans and Non-Conformists. Nations never forget their religious grievances until the cause is removed. The old policy pursued by England rendered Ireland more ultramontane than any country in Europe. Catholicism was not only a matter of faith, but of patriotism, for which the Irish were ready to suffer or die if need be. Since the union disturbances have been continual, Protestantism was the only fire that was destroying everything that is good and noble in Ireland, resulting in the absolute disappearance of peace and loyalty. The Irishmen who had emigrated to the United States and Australia were watching anxiously the result of this great question. The entire Fenian project was fed and kept alive by the sympathy of Americans, under the idea that England never did justice to Ireland. There were no bitterer foes to England in the United States than the Irishmen. The House was now asked to do justice to Ireland, not for fear of foreign enemies, but for the sake of internal peace and tranquillity. He contemplated the voluntary system prevailing in Scotland, and anticipated the best results to posterity for Ireland if this bill became a law. Mr. BRIGHT concluded by saying that this measure would have the approval of the Supreme Being, for it was founded on principles of mercy and justice—the attributes of His glorious reign.

SPAIN.

The Recent Insurrection Quelled.

MADRID, Saturday, March 20.

The disturbances at Gerez de la Frontera, arising from the popular hostility to the Conscription law, have been quelled. That part of the country is now tranquil.

Extensive Fire in Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Saturday, March 20.

About 9 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the cigar manufactory of T. COPPER, in the third story, rear part of Masonic Hall block, corner of Buffalo and Exchange streets. The alarm was sounded instantly, and the Fire Department in a few minutes had several streams of water on the flames, but about two hours elapsed before they were suppressed. The upper floor was occupied by several Masonic bodies, whose loss by fire and water is $1,500; insured for $6,000. The building is owned by SAWYER WILDER, whose loss is $5,000; insured for $60,000. The other principal losers are: T. COPPER, cigar manufactory, loss $2,000; insured for $1,000. N. G. HAWLEY & SON, paper and stationery warehouse, loss $12,000; insured for $4,000. M. V. BRENNAN, gentleman's furnishing goods, loss $1,500; insured for $10,000. Singer sewing-machine rooms, loss $2,000; insured for $4,000. MATTHEWS & WATSON, restaurant, loss $3,000; insured for $1,500. The aggregate of the minor losses is estimated at about $1,000; all covered by insurance.

Death of the Father of Senator Fessenden.

PORTLAND, Me., Saturday, March 20.

General SAMUEL FESSENDEN died last night, at the age of about 87 years. He was in his active day eminent as a lawyer, citizen, Mason and politician. He has been Grand Master of the Masons of Freemasonry in Maine. He leaves a large family of descendants, many of whom are distinguished in the public service, Senator FESSENDEN being the eldest.

Railway Privileges in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, March 20.

The City Council has granted to the Iron Mountain, North Missouri and Pacific Railroad Companies the right to connect their tracks on the levee. This will enable all the roads to reach the large elevator on the river bank, and give a great impetus to the bulk grain trade. The Council has also granted to the North Missouri Railroad Company and to the Madison County Ferry the right to lay a track to the Ferry Landing in the northern part of the city. Under this privilege the ferry will transfer laden cars across the river, between the North Missouri and St. Louis and Chicago Railroads, and will enable freight on either of these roads to reach its destination, either in Missouri or Illinois, without changing bulk.

CUBA.

The Fernando Po Prisoners—An Insurrectionist Leader Shot—Arrival of Spanish Troops.

HAVANA, Saturday, March 20.

The baggage of the Fernando Po prisoners has gone aboard the steamer, and the expedition sails to-morrow, positively.

In a skirmish near Villa Clara the insurgent leader, MOTA, was captured and subsequently shot.

A steamer arrived to-day from Spain with 1,000 soldiers.

CANADA.

Bank Statements—Serious Railroad Accident.

OTTAWA, Saturday, March 20.

The bank statement for February shows the circulation of the Bank of Montreal to be $180,000, the Bank of Toronto $60,000, and the Ontario Bank $200,000 less than in February, 1868; and the Bank of Commerce has increased about $200,000.

The Bank of Montreal has increased its deposits $2,000,000; the Bank of Commerce over $1,000,000; the Canadian Bank about $400,000.

The Royal Canadian Bank has increased its discounts about $700,000; the Bank of Commerce over $1,000,000. The banks of Montreal, Ontario and Toronto are about the same as last year.

The Dominion notes in circulation amount to $4,000,000. The specie held amounts $677,000. Debentures held by the Receiver-General amount to $2,000,000.

The rumors in circulation prejudicial to the Royal Canadian Bank are entirely without foundation.

The discount on United States invoices for the week at 24 per cent.

LONDON, Canada, Saturday, March 20.

The Express train going west on the Great Western Railway, ran off the track at Beachville, at 2 o'clock this morning. The Pullman sleeping car was precipitated over an embankment twelve feet, making one complete revolution. No one was killed; but the following were wounded: JAMES LAMONT, of Chatham, two ribs broken and severely injured about his head, and is not expected to recover; Mrs. O. A. WHITEMORE, Denver City, Colorado, left collar-bone dislocated and severely bruised; DAVID HATCH, Albany, N. Y., badly bruised; Mr. and Mrs. BUCKER, Pontiac, Mich., bruised and cut, not seriously, however; Dr. CLEVES and wife, Chicago, the former bruised and the latter injured about her head and shoulders; Mr. CHICK, Chicago, aged 75 years, badly shaken and bruised. Several others were slightly injured. The wounded were conveyed to the Tecumseh House, at London, and are receiving the best medical attention obtainable.

The Western Grain Trade.

CHICAGO, Saturday, March 20.

The following resolutions in reference to a change in the system of receiving, storing and selling grain in New-York City, viz.: To send all grain to store on arrival, proposed by a Committee from the New-York Elevating and Warehousing Association, were unanimously adopted today by the Chicago Board of Trade:

Whereas, The preamble and resolutions of the Boston Board of Trade in reference to the subject before us meet our hearty approval, and, whereas, our co-operation is asked by said resolutions, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago recommend such change in bills of lading at Buffalo as will effect the desired reformation.

Resolved, That we see in this disposition, on the part of the more liberal and enlightened portion of the trade of New-York City a willingness to conform to and adopt the system of receiving, handling and selling grain, which has so successfully prevailed in the Western grain markets, a ready solution of the embarrassments and losses growing out of the previous custom of selling our grain on from seven to ten days' time.

Resolved, That we invite the hearty co-operation of the New-York Produce Exchange and of the various associations in the West in this movement, and trust that they will support the Elevating and Warehousing Association in carrying out so desirable a change.

Trouble in the Arkansas Legislature.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Saturday, March 20.

The *Appeal's* Little Rock special dispatch last evening says a resolution was introduced in the House declaring that Mr. FISHER, the new Speaker, was a non-resident of the State, and therefore disqualified, and that the office should be declared vacated. It was referred to a special committee. A resolution was also introduced declaring F. E. WRIGHT, Clerk of the House, guilty of malfeasance in office, and that the office should be declared vacated. It was referred to the same committee.

Defeat of the South Carolina Railroad Aid Bill.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Saturday, March 20.

The contest in the Legislature, after a severe struggle between interested railroad parties on the one hand asking for several millions of State aid to railroads, and the Governor, and a few members of the Legislature opposed to granting State aid to railroads on the other, resulted to-day in the complete defeat of the former. The General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on the 24th inst.

Arrest of an Alleged Swindler—Has Shot by his Son.

HAMILTON, Ontario, Saturday, March 20.

HENRY M. BRAGG, of Haverhill, near Boston, said to be one of the most notorious swindlers in the United States, was arrested here last night on a charge of forgery preferred by Detective Officer HUNTER, of Boston.

ALEXANDER HARVEY, of Kincaffee, was shot in the head by his son during an altercation yesterday. The wound is considered dangerous.

Sale of the Florida and Georgia and Tallahassee Railroads.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Saturday, March 20.

The Pensacola and Georgia Railroad and the Tallahassee Railroad were sold to-day at public sale; the first was knocked down at $1,220,000, and the last named at $195,000, to DIBBLE and associates; $60,000 to be paid on taking possession, and the balance as called for by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Capture of an Absconding Church Treasurer.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Saturday, March 20.

Mr. NIEMEIR, treasurer of the St. Paul's German Evangelical Protestant Church, arrived here, under arrest, from Detroit, last night. He absconded on New-Year's day with several thousand dollars of the church funds.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 20.—SANFORD M. HODGES, bank clerk, at Northampton, shot and killed himself to-day. His accounts were correct, and no cause for suicide is known. He was 18 years of age.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 20.—JOHN KUPLIN, another victim of the Dutchess and Columbia Railroad accident, died this afternoon.

BOSTON, March 20.—The schooner *General Marion*, from Rockland for New-York, with coal, went ashore near Scituate this morning. She has not bilged, and will probably come off next tide.

NORFOLK, Va., March 20.—The steamer *Dee*, from New-York for Havana, has put in here with her propeller disabled.

CINCINNATI, March 20.—At a meeting of the City Council, yesterday, the ordinance compelling commercial travelers to pay a license for selling goods by sample or otherwise was unconditionally repealed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 20.—JAMES A. HALL's hide and leather store was burned yesterday. The loss on the building and stock is probably $50,000—partially insured.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 20.—The weather is warm. A very heavy gale prevailed last night throughout the South, accompanied with heavy rains.

WASHINGTON.

The Repeal of the Tenure-of-Office Law Still Undecided—A Bench of Nominations Confirmed—The Woman's Dress Reform Convention—Bank Burglars.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 20.

The Senate debated the Tenure-of-Office act for five hours to-day, and then went into Executive Session without taking a vote on the question, though only five speeches were made on the subject by Senators. Mr. CAMERON, of California, made his *début* in an exceedingly long argument, which wearied everybody. It was generally expected in political circles and in the city, that the vote would be taken to-day, and much disappointment is felt to-night that the subject has been allowed to go over to next week. The probable fate of the measure is canvassed a good deal, but the lines are so tightly drawn on both sides, that the majority either way will not be more than one or two votes. Total repeal is hardly hoped for this evening, but a suspension will probably be passed. The pressure of the office-seekers on the Senate is tremendous, and the Capitol is crowded daily with thousands of strangers, who are clamoring for action in order that the expected nominations may be sent in.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: WM. A. RICHARDSON to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; JOSEPH R. SMITH to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-first district of Pennsylvania; C. C. P. CLARK, Collector of Customs for the district of Oswego, N. Y.; ISRAEL WASHBURNE to be Collector of Customs for the districts of Portland and Falmouth, Me. And the following to be Postmasters: WM. CLARK at Van Wert, Ohio; A. BALOU at Finley, Ohio; RICHARD J. TOMPKINS at Mount Carroll, Ill.; ENOCH B. PENDLETON at Westerly, R. I.

FAVORABLE REPORT OF NOMINATIONS.

The Senate Committee on Commerce has made a favorable report on the nomination of J. P. CASEY, to be Collector of the port of New-Orleans, and reported back JAMES LONGSTREET's nomination for Collector of Internal Revenue of the First District of Louisiana, without recommendation.

THE WOMAN'S DRESS REFORM CONVENTION.

The Woman's National Dress Reform and Equal Rights Convention will be held in this city the last Wednesday and Thursday in April. According to Dr. MARY E. WALKER, women in all parts of the country who feel the terrible oppression of fashionable and other chains that prevent their living out of the noblest impulses of womanhood will send delegates to this Convention.

BANK BURGLARS.

Last night burglars attempted to break into the banking house of GEO. W. RIGGS & Co., in this city, by removing a portion of the rear wall of the bank immediately behind the vaults of that house. The portion of the wall removed is about three by four feet in extent, and penetrated to a depth of five courses of bricks. The wall is very thick. They succeeded in getting through the entire wall, excepting the thickness of one brick, which they drilled through, and finding that the vault inside was so securely protected that they would not be able to get to it, abandoned their design, the wall being protected inside by a heavy grating and a chilled iron safe weighing several tons, absolutely burglar-proof. No less than five watchmen occupied rooms last night fronting on the court-yard when the operation was performed.

SECRETARY BORIE.

Secretary BORIE left here last evening for his home in Philadelphia, and will be absent until Tuesday or Wednesday next. The duties of the office in the meanwhile will be discharged by Vice-Admiral PORTER.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Messrs. ROBERTSON, OSBORN, HARLAN, HOWE, FERRY, BOREMAN and VICKERS were to-day, in accordance with a Senate resolution, appointed a Committee to consider all future applications for the removal of political disabilities.

RESIGNATION OF MR. HARLAND.

Mr. THOMAS HARLAND, for several years past first Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has tendered his resignation of that position, to take effect as soon as his successor is sufficiently familiarized with the duties to take entire charge of the place. His successor, Mr. JNO. W. DOUGLASS, is a distinguished lawyer of Erie, Penn. He has for some seven years past been Collector of Internal Revenue for the district represented in Congress by Hon. GLENNI W. SCOFIELD, and has been regarded as one of the most competent and able men in that branch of the public service.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Senate Pacific Railroad Committee, at its meeting this morning, considered the resolution of the House allowing the Union Pacific Railroad Company to transfer their headquarters from New-York City to any point they may select, and agreed to report on it adversely, which they subsequently did to the Senate. They also considered the question of making Ogden the point of junction, but no decision was reached. The Committee has been discharged from the consideration of the whole subject.

A TREASURY APPOINTMENT.

Mr. T. L. TULLOCK, Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee, has been appointed Clerk of the Treasury, and entered upon his duties to-day.

A DISGUSTED OFFICE-SEEKER.

G. W. HATTON, colored, is a scavenger for the Fourth Ward. He is also Brigadier-General of the Boys in Blue. A pertinacious office-seeker, who is boring everybody for recommendations, called on Mr. HATTON to-day for his official signature—meaning, of course, as "B. G. of the B. I. B." HATTON, who is something of a joker, promptly complied, and signed himself in letters so large that he who runs might read, "GEO. W. HATTON, Scavenger, Fourth Ward." The last seen of the disgusted office-seeker he was hard at work with a big eraser, endeavoring to expunge this most unsatisfactory official indorsement.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 20.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has appointed JAMES W. HAINES, FREDERICK A. THELEN and WM. SHERMAN Government Commissioners to examine and report on the completed sections of the Central Pacific Railroad of California, and the Western Pacific Railroad, in place of JOHN BIGLER, FRANK DENVER and THOS. J. HENLEY, removed.

VISITORS TO THE PRESIDENT.

There was a very large number of Senators and Representatives at the White House this morning. The Pennsylvania delegation, headed by Senator CAMERON, called in a body and had an interview.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The amount of fractional currency received from the Printing Bureau for the week ending to-day was $209,100. Shipments to the national banks, $223,000; to the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, $200,000; at New-York, $200,000. Treasurer SPINNER holds in trust for national banks, as security for their circulation, $242,805,300, and for public deposits, $22,716,500. The national bank notes issued during the week were $196,000; total to date, $312,901,736; mutilated bills returned, $12,436,675; inscribed bank notes redeemed, $11,026,281; leaving in circulation to date, $289,254,810. The amount of fractional currency destroyed during the week was $421,521.

TENNESSEE ILLICIT DISTILLERIES.

Commissioner DELANO has received a communication from Supervisor NOAH, of the Tennessee District, forwarding a letter from Collector WILSON, of the Third District of that State, informing the Supervisor that he has commenced a vigorous campaign against the outlaws in the mountain counties of that State. Mr. NOAH writes that he is in receipt of information that the Sixth District is infested with illicit distilleries, whose proprietors defy the Government officers, and he has directed the Collector to push these violators of the revenue laws to the wall. Collector WILSON writes that he is operating in the mountain counties with a detachment of United States troops, and that one of the deputies has reported the seizure of five different distilleries in the mountain counties. The troops are now operating in Putnam or Jackson County.

GENERAL MACY.

General RANDOLPH MACY, Inspector-General of the United States Army, assigned to duty on General SHERMAN's staff, assumed the duties of that office this morning.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Commander RALPH CHANDLER has been ordered to command the *Tallapoosa*. Commander C. H. B. BALDWIN is detached from duty as Fleet-Captain of the late North Pacific Squadron and placed on waiting orders. Lieutenant-Commander J. M. PETTIGRUE is detached from the *Tuscarora*, and ordered to return to the United States. Fleet-Surgeon A. A. HENDERSON is detached from the late South Pacific Squadron and ordered to be Fleet-Surgeon of the Pacific Squadron. Surgeon J. S. DUNCAN is detached from the *Cyane* and ordered to the *Ossipee*. Surgeon GERNE is detached from the *Ossipee* and ordered to return to New-York. Surgeon H. H. ADAMS is detached from the *Mohongo* and ordered to return to New-York. Surgeon G. S. BEARDSLEY is detached from the receiving-ship *Independence* and ordered to the receiving-ship *Mohongo*. Surgeon J. W. TAYLOR has been detached from duty as Fleet-Surgeon of the late North Pacific Squadron and ordered to the *Powhatan*. Surgeon J. E. N. BRUSH has been detached from the *Cyane* and ordered to the *Franck*. Surgeon J. A. HAWES has been detached from the *Powhatan* and ordered to the *Pensacola*.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 20.

Mr. CATTELL presented the memorial of the Mayor and Common Council of Atlantic City, N. J., relative to the dangerous condition of the light-house at that place. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Mr. FERRY presented some petitions for the removal of political disabilities, and, as the House was not likely, in his opinion, to concur in the previous action of the Senate to appoint a joint committee to consider petitions on this subject, he moved to refer them to the Committee on the Judiciary. They were so referred.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill in addition to the act to incorporate the Washington and Alexandria Steam Packet Company.

Mr. WILSON introduced a joint resolution donating the Lincoln Hospital to the Columbia Lying-in Asylum. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McDONALD introduced a bill granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, in Missouri, to the boundary line between the United States and Mexico at or near Presidio del Norte, on the Rio Grande, in the direction of the harbor of Altata on the Gulf of California, with a branch from some point east of the ninety-eighth degree of west longitude to Lawrence, Kansas. The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. WILSON introduced a joint resolution authorizing the President to place the name of Brevet Major-General S. P. HEINTZELMAN on the retired list of the army with full rank of the command held by him when wounded, in accordance with sections 16 and 17 of the act of August 3, 1861, and section 32 of the act of July 28, 1866. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. FENTON introduced a bill to prohibit secret sales of gold. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported and asked the immediate consideration of a bill to declare and fix the status of Judge Advocates of the army.

Mr. GRIMES moved its indefinite postponement, because it proposed too large a number of Judge Advocates.

After some discussion, the motion to postpone was agreed to.

Mr. RAMSEY introduced a joint resolution amendatory of the act of March 3, 1867, granting lands to aid the State of Minnesota in the construction of certain railroads. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. ROBERTSON called up his resolution offered some days since, directing the President of the Senate to appoint a select committee of nine, to consider applications for removal of political disabilities.

Mr. TRUMBULL was in favor of the appointment of such a committee, in order to relieve the Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution was modified, making the number of the committee seven instead of nine, and was then agreed to.

Mr. SUMNER offered a joint resolution to reduce ocean postage to the rates of postage on land, which, on motion of Mr. RAMSEY, was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. STOCKTON introduced a joint resolution relating to the improvement of the navigation of the Delaware River, between White Hills and Trenton, N. J. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE BILL.

At the expiration of the morning hour the bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act came up as unfinished business.

Mr. VICKERS made an argument in favor of the bill.

Mr. THAYER modified his substitute for the report of the Committee on the Judiciary so as to give the President thirty days after the commencement of a session of the Senate within which to report the names of officers removed during the preceding recess, and added to it a proviso that no person rejected by the Senate in session shall be appointed to office during the following recess. He had offered the substitute, he said, with the hope of getting a direct vote upon the question of repeal, since such a vote could not be had at once upon the House bill. He had listened in vain throughout this long debate for some good reason why the Tenure-of-Office act should not be repealed. The law had been passed solely to check the career of ANDREW JOHNSON after he had treacherously abandoned his party, violated his pledges, and forsworn his principles. He (Mr. THAYER) had voted for the law originally because it was necessary. But he would not now vote to put upon an honest President the manacles he had helped to forge for a dishonest one. He had no authority to speak for President GRANT, but from his knowledge of human nature he felt satisfied that the President must desire the repeal of the law, and he believed that if any Senator occupied the place of General GRANT he too would desire to repeal. It had been said that the Senate had not time at the present session to consider properly the question of repeal. But the Senate could command its own time, and could continue its session until its work was done. One reason for which he desired the repeal of this law was, that it would leave the President free to remove the Johnson men and Copperheads still in office throughout the country. The Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHURZ) had denounced the system of distributing patronage in the interests of a party as a corrupt one; but he (Mr. THAYER) believed the true doctrine to be that the patronage of the Government rightfully belonged to the party in power by the verdict of the people. He knew it was fashionable to decry this view, but he would like to see a Senator who did not seek to exercise the right of dispensing patronage to his friends. The man who would not do so would soon be without friends, and would deserve to be so; and the political party that refused to reward its own supporters and followers would soon go to the wall, and would deserve to do so.

Mr. THURMAN did not know any such party as the Copperhead Party, but he knew what party the Senator from Nebraska meant, and he supposed that the Senator would hardly expect the Democrats in the Senate to vote for the repeal upon the ground that it would facilitate the removal of the few remaining Democratic office-holders. In his own State (Ohio) he knew of only two Democratic federal office-holders; one of them had entered the army as a private, and worked up to be a Colonel, and the other had left the army with the rank of Brigadier-General, and with a wound which would afflict him for life.

Mr. THAYER said that in using the term "copperhead," he had made no allusion to War Democrats.

Mr. DRAKE was in favor of repealing the law, but would not vote for its temporary suspension. The proposition of the Judiciary Committee to suspend the law was only a way of saying to the President, "We will try you until the next session of Congress and see what use you make of the power; if you use it to suit us the repeal may stand; but if you do not use it to suit us the law shall go into force again." He was not prepared to sly this to the President; and, in his judgment, the President did not deserve to be so addressed by the Senate. He hoped to leave the Executive free to turn out corrupt officers and others unfriendly to the Republican Party. He had no hesitation in avowing himself a party man. His party had saved the country, and, as he believed, that its continuance in power would promote the welfare of the country, he was in favor of using Executive patronage to keep it in power.

Mr. MORRILL would rather modify the Tenure-of-Office act than repeal or suspend it, and believed that the Senate could reach a vote upon the question of modifying it as soon as upon repeal. Every Senator who had voted for the impeachment of President JOHNSON on Article 9 had thereby declared it to be his judgment that in disregarding this act the President had been guilty of a violation, not merely of the law, but also of the Constitution. How, then, could these Senators vote now for the repeal of the law? He denied that the purpose of the act was merely to check Mr. JOHNSON. A reference to the record would show that it had been distinctly advocated, not as a temporary device, but as a part of the permanent policy of the country. The proposition to suspend did not strike him favorably in any view. He dissented, at least in part, from the view of the Senator from Missouri (DRAKE,) in regard to Government patronage. It was unquestionably true that the party in power at any time might properly take to itself the chief offices of the Government, yet it was just as certain that the system that changed every public office of the Government at the end of every four years was a great evil.

Mr. CLAYTON had not intended to take part in the debate, but in view of the character it had assumed he thought it due to himself and his constituency to make a few remarks in justification of the vote he would give. He would not discuss in detail the operation of the Tenure-of-Office act, but confine himself to considering the question, "Where is the power of removal vested?" He then made an argument to show that under the Constitution this power belonged not to the Senate, but to the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, but not the President alone; and he insisted that this was not only the true constitutional, but also the only reasonable view, because unless the President had this power of prompt removal he could not possibly secure the faithful administration of public affairs. The doctrine implied in the Tenure-of-Office act, that the power of removal could be regulated by legislation, he regarded as a dangerous heresy. If this power was properly a subject for legislation, then Congress might by legislation take it away entirely from the President and vest it wholly in itself, or in either House, or give it to the Supreme Court, or any other tribunal or person. He had heard during the debate many professions of confidence in President GRANT, and this was not surprising, but the subject before the Senate was one that ought to be considered and determined upon other than personal considerations, and his vote would be given upon general principles, without regard to the present or possible future occupant of the White House. He would vote for the absolute repeal of the law, glad to be able by his vote to do something toward restoring the Government to the military principles upon which it rested under the Constitution.

The Vice-President appointed the following committee on Political Disabilities: Messrs. Robertson, Osborn, Harlan, Howe, Ferry, Boreman and Vickers.

At 4:45 o'clock the Senate, without action on the bill, adjourned.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

His Arrival, Reception and Speech in Lynchburg.

From the Lynchburg Virginian, March 19.

The Committee of Reception appointed by the meeting of citizens repaired to Charlottesville yesterday morning, to receive Ex-President JOHNSON and escort him to the city. By the time the Washington train arrived there an immense concourse of persons, consisting of University students and citizens, had assembled to greet the Ex-President. He was hailed with shouts by the crowd, and was conducted by a committee to the porch of the Central Hotel, where he responded to the demonstration in one of the happiest speeches of his life. It was graceful, forcible, and admirably well suited to the occasion. After the speech, which lasted some fifteen or twenty minutes, Mr. JOHNSON was escorted into the house, where he partook of a repast which had been provided for him. The train left Charlottesville amid the shouts of the multitude, to whom the President waved his adieu.

The trip to Lynchburg was a very pleasant one. Mr. JOHNSON was exceedingly sociable and agreeable, as were his honoree of his family and suite. They all conversed freely and pleasantly with the gentlemen of the Committee, and seemed to be gratified at the attention shown him. The party consists of the President, Mrs. JOHNSON, Senator PATTERSON, wife and children; Mr. BROWNLOW, Colonel ROWLEY, son-in-law of the President, and Colonel MORROW, late of his staff.

On arriving at the depot at Lynchburg a large crowd was found in waiting. The party were placed in carriages which had been provided for them by the Committee of Arrangements. The one for the President was an open equipage to which four horses were attached. The route to the hotel was lined with spectators, and the windows of the houses were thronged with ladies who waved their handkerchiefs to our distinguished guest. He acknowledged the compliment by repeatedly raising his hat and bowing to the right and left. At the Norvell House the Committee of Arrangements were found in waiting to receive the party, to whom they were turned over. There assembled a large crowd in front of the hotel and cheered and called for the President. He responded by going out on the balcony and bowing to the assemblage. They, however, were not satisfied with that, and called for a "speech." He then responded in a few remarks. He returned thanks for the honor done him, which, he said, was very grateful to his feelings on retiring from the high office which he had filled for four years. He was on his way to his home in Tennessee, where he would go into retirement. The approval of the people was always cheering to him. He thanked them again and retired.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock the subscribers to the banquet began to assemble, and soon the spacious and elegant parlors of the Norvell House were thronged. The company mingled freely with each other, and a pleasant time was spent in social converse.

THE BANQUET.

Hon. THOS. S. BOOCOCK, who had been previously selected by the Committee, for the position, took the head of the table, and presided in that genial, apt and happy manner which characterize his bearing on all such occasions. His wit and eloquence are always equal to any emergency, as they were amply last night. The supper having been disposed of, the wine was brought on, and the toasts and speeches commenced. The first toast, prefaced by a chaste and eloquent address by the Chairman, Mr. BOOCOCK, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the patriotism, the statesmanship and the ability of Mr. JOHNSON, was then read as follows:

FIRST TOAST.—*The President of the United States*—His Administration—Ex-President of the United States, the champion of the Constitution, whose name will ever be held dear, and whose great work will ever be remembered by every American citizen. At the close of a bloody and exasperated war of sections, when bad men were striving to prolong the evil passions growing out of it, and to advance through the medium of a sanguinary civil scheme, it was his noble chart and ambition to allay these disorders, to bury in oblivion the troubles and contests of the past, to inspire national confidence and harmony, and to establish in all sections a real and honorable peace! Every tribute of gratitude and every badge of honor are justly due one who thus exercised personal courage and defiance, and unswerving patriotism in behalf of principle, duty and country. May his future, crowded with blessings, succeed a past crowded with honors; a fitting reward for labors exerted in defence of the rights and liberties of the people!

MR. JOHNSON'S RESPONSE.

Prolonged applause followed the reading of the toast. When it subsided Mr. JOHNSON rose and responded. He said substantially:

GENTLEMEN: In rising to acknowledge the honor paid me, it is not for the purpose of making an address, but simply to tender my thanks for the compliment and for the cordial welcome which I have received here. Being now but a private citizen, I have the right to accept the civilities of my fellow-citizens, and none ever tendered me have afforded me more gratification or pride than those in which I participate here and now.

In allusion to the late struggle I have little or nothing to say; but as a private citizen, there can be no objection to my expressing the feelings of conscious pride which I have felt within the past two weeks at the words of approbation which have come to me. Much has been said in reference to abolition and emancipation and freedom. But I will call attention to the greatest case of emancipation that had taken place since the war. You will not charge it to my partiality when I say that I believe, for the last four years the greatest slave in the United States. I now rejoice that I stand forth a freedman. I thank God that I am free, and am permitted to stand here in your midst in the enjoyment of that freedom. And, fellow-citizens, I believe I commenced my arduous duties of the last four years; in stepping into the ranks of the people and helping them to bear the burdens which I have not been able to remove from their shoulders, it affords me more pleasure than if I had been inaugurated a second time over the ruins of a violated Constitution. When I came into power, ere the passions of war had subdued, it was my high aspiration to restore peace and harmony to our distracted country. I commenced first at the point of danger. I was denounced for it. I became the surrender—hoping that by a kind and conciliatory policy the seceded States would soon assume their former position in the Union. My object was as speedily as possible to restore peace and harmony, and close up the breach which divided the country. Up to the Thirty-ninth Congress the work had progressed well nigh completed. Senators and Representatives from the South were knocking for admittance. But there again the French began to widen. I will not go into the particulars of what occurred. The difficulties are familiar to you all. The events have passed into history, and by it the fathers will judge. But what I have failed to do as President, I will still endeavor to do as a private citizen—aid in bringing about peace and good feeling in the country. I may not be as hopeful as some. I have hoped that the country would be saved; and still do not despair. My confidence in the wisdom and virtue of the people is strong. I have an abiding trust that the time will come when this tyrannical power will disintegrate, and the Constitution and the laws assume their wonted sway. True, when I looked to the great apathy with which the people regarded the acts of Congress, it was more alarming in my mind than anything that had happened. But I hope to see this apathy give way to a stern awaking to the perils and duties of the hour—when the people will rise in their power and vindicate their violated rights. I repeat that I have enjoyed more real satisfaction in the past two weeks than in the four years of my Administration.

Mr. JOHNSON then spoke of the aggressions of Congress on the other branches of the Government, and its usurpations—exercising powers, said he, which Kings would tremble to wield. He also alluded to the enormous expenses of the Government and the burden of taxation which the people were called on to bear. In this connection he said extravagant expenditure every department of the Government, and in retiring from office he felt that he might exclaim:

"When vice prevails and impious men bear sway,
The post of honor is the private station."

In retiring to my rural home I shall bear in mind the advice of CATO to his son, to "Pray for Rome." If I can do no more I will pray for my country. That, gentlemen, please accept my thanks for this cordial welcome and generous hospitality. It is peculiarly acceptable to me at this present time. I will carry the memory of it and cherish it so long as there beats one pulsation of my heart. Again, I thank you for this manifestation of your respect and confidence.

The other toasts were then read as follows, and were responded to severally in happy and eloquent terms by Messrs. Wm. T. YANCEY, Jas. Wm. Morgan, Mr. Betts of New-York, Capt. C. M. Blackford, R. S. Gregory and others:

SECOND TOAST.—*The President of the United States*—May his Administration be distinguished by justice, wisdom and an elevated patriotism.

THIRD TOAST.—*The United States of America*—Soon may we hope to become united in heart as in name, and to realize a splendid destiny of influence, prosperity and peace.

FOURTH TOAST.—Hon. *Reed Patterson*, late Representative in the Senate of the United States, of the State of Tennessee—the star of Virginia. He has fought the great cause of the Constitution and the laws—and receives from all late high honor, with the confidence and regard of his countrymen.

FIFTH TOAST.—*Virginia*—With her face to the future, and the sweating Germans of her soil, with the amazing development of her material interests and resources, to which her people have been aroused, she must and shall resume her true course of prosperity and glory.

The whole affair passed off delightfully, and was a perfect success. Our citizens have done honor to themselves in honoring as they have the retiring statesman and patriot.

A public reception will be held to-day by the President, between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock, on which occasion the citizens generally can pay their respects to the late Chief Magistrate. The ladies are especially invited to attend. The Presidential party will leave on the evening train for their home in Tennessee.

His Arrival Home and Reception by His Friends—His Sentiments on the Constitution—He Intends to Remain in Private Life.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

GREENVILLE, Tenn., Saturday, March 20.

I came to this place from Knoxville to witness the reception tendered to Ex-President JOHNSON by his old mountain neighbors. The day has been extremely unpleasant, but the numbers in attendance were large. Just eight years ago, ANDREW JOHNSON, then a Senator in the Congress of the United States, left his home by private conveyance, threatened by a mob of excited Secessionists. He returned to-day, as he said, not broken, but bent, by the great tempest of civil strife through which he has passed, a private citizen.

The reception addresses were delivered by Hon. Thomas A. R. NELSON, James BRITTON and Major E. HENRY.

Colonel NELSON having alluded to his administration of the Government, Mr. JOHNSON said in reply that his administration had been stormy and tempestuous, because he had been battling in behalf of the Constitution, warding off the assaults of men who admitted they were acting outside of the Constitution. He was to-day a freed man, freed from the bondage of administering the Government under a violated Constitution. Congress was a body of usurpers.

He reviewed his political life, and reminded his hearers that the first office he ever held was an Alderman in their city. The substance of his Baltimore speech and farewell address were repeated.

Your correspondent left him a few moments since in his old home, surrounded by his old friends. He said: "Nothing to-day foreshadowed the part he would take hereafter in the politics of the State. He had laid aside his official robes, and would remain a private citizen."

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TWELVE HOURS APART.

He loved me. But he loved, likewise,
This morning's world in bloom and wings:
Ah, does he love the world that lies
In dampness, whispering shadowy things,
Under this little band of moon?

He loves me! Will he fail to see
A phantom hand has touch'd my hair
(And waver'd, withering, over me)
To leave a subtle grayness there
Below the outer sheen of June?

He loves me! Would he call it fair,
The flush'd half-flower he left me, say?
For it has pass'd beneath the glare
And from my bosom drops away,
Shaken into the grass with pain!

He loves me! Well, I do not know.
A song in plumage cross'd the hill
At sunrise when I left him go—
And song and plumage now are still.
He could not praise the bird again.

He loves me? Yall'd in mist I stand,
My veins less high with life than when
To-day's thin dew was in the land,
Vaguely less beautiful than then—
Myself a dimness with the dim.

He loves me? I am faint with fear.
He never saw me quite so old,
I never met him quite so near
My grave, nor quite so pale and cold;
—Nor quite so sweet, he says, to him!

—*Putnam's Magazine for April.*

"OVER THE WATER."

From Temple Bar for March.

A long straggling street, on which the hot June sun pours down with unmitigated power. A few workingmen in blouses, and clattering sabôts lounge languidly down it at intervals. Marie and Louise, of the Hotel de Londres, stand simmering and perspiring at the door of the hostelrie, snatching a few moments rest from their multifarious avocations, comprising a mixture of parlor, chambermaid, boots, and porter—for they work in a manner known only to the female servants of Normandy. The members of the French *Cercle* opposite are consoling themselves in their balcony with *eau sucre* and cigarettes.

Nothing breaks the silence but the hideous cracking of the carters' whips, as some heavily-laden wagon wends its way through the dusty street, drawn by horses that still remind one of the old pictures of the Conqueror and his knights, in their powerful mould and utter lack of breeding. Why do these Norman carters so persistently disturb the *doles fur niente* of the scene with the crack of their atrocious whips and shrill "Youps!" The horses know better than to notice them. Do they want Marie or Louise to look forth on them from door or window? I think so, or why *do* they do it? The fat little barber opposite, sweltering in his shirt sleeves, looks as if "cutting and shampooing" at a franc really is not worth the expenditure of labor on such an afternoon, and is idling it away—playing with his pretty little daughter and a bird, a tame hippo, that hops in and out over the shop threshold.

Mlle. Trincon, prettiest of grisettes, plies her needle lazily, and wonders whether the good-looking Englishman who passes such pretty compliments in such atrocious French will come across from his lodgings, over the tobacconist's, to know if his handkerchiefs are yet hemmed. They have been some time in hand, but neither he nor she seem to think time of much consequence in this case. Nobody does seem to think time of much account in Avranches. She muses a little over the good-looking proprietress of the cigar shop and lodgings. Though Mme. *de Tabac* hath a husband, Mlle Trincon has seen too much of life to think that—altogether a safeguard against such violate sinners as "lodgers with handkerchiefs." Her mind is a little troubled at this, so she languidly gets through a few more stitches, and wonders whether she shall see him in the *Jardin* to-night.

Madame the tobacconist troubles her head little about her lodger, beyond making him pay severely for fusees, cigars, and accommodation. She takes his francs and compliments with the brightest of smiles, and dismisses any expostulation with such a charming shrug of her pretty shoulders, that it makes argument impossible. I think I prefer her on the whole to the English landlady, who treats you with scorn and reprobation, mingling you, after all, far heavier of your gold.

Lounging out of the fair tobacconist's front-floor window, is Jim Ogilvie, whilome of Her Majesty's Dragoons. Like many other men, he has lived a little too fast. Betting, gambling, and a general capacity for spending money have deprived the ——th of a promising officer, and sent him to do penance in a small French country town till some arrangements can be made with his numerous creditors. Jim leaves this with his accustomed *sang froid*, to his friends. Gifted with the most elastic of dispositions, he feels little care for his reverses. This new life amuses him. The rough cooking at the Londres, and the light Bordeaux is a change to a man whose spirit is oppressed with the memories of club dinners, of Greenwich with its "bait" and dry champagne, or the elaborate mess of a cavalry corps. "All in the day's work" is his pet phrase, and the *table d'hôte* at the Londres is sometimes great fun.

The day they gave him periwinkles, and sent Louise round afterward with a wineglass filled with pins, as they hand you toothpicks at a West End club, moved him to much mirth. Then, the continuous ever-changing stream of people there tickled him immensely. Was there not the sporting grocer with whom he exchanged turfy converse by the aid of broken French and pantomime, but whose sole idea was *Gladiateur!* *C'est un cheval magnifique—c'est un grand cheval—oui, c'est bon*—he you beat. We beat you all overze again *toujours. C'est un beau, un bon, un grand cheval Gladiateur. A votre santé, Monsieur.*

"Confound it!" he muttered, as he threw away his cigar; "this 'over the water' is becoming a bore. I must either 'go in' for absinthe or a small flirtation with 'Trincon.' I can't afford it with mine hostess. She'll stick me for something if I go through the shop. Hah! the dinner-bell of the Londres. Good! that solves the problem! Wash one's hands, and then to the caravanseral."

Jim entered the Londres. The motley gathering was composed as usual of French, who were mostly small Government employes, and of the traveling English. Neither French ladies nor English residents ever much affected the Londres. The table, during the hot Summer weather, was laid in the garden at the back of the house—a considerable improvement on the hot stuffy *salle*. Jim dropped into his accustomed seat next some English ladies, with whom, in consequence of their having resided at the hotel some weeks, he had scraped acquaintance, and began his dinner. Opposite were five places evidently taken, the chairs being tilted forward against the table.

"New comers, I suppose?" remarked Jim to his fair neighbor.

"Looks like it," she rejoined. "You were right, Mr. Ogilvie, the night before last, when you guessed that that gentleman and lady were a bridal couple on their honeymoon. I hear it is so."

"Oh! no mistake about it," said Jim. "Your ideas of devotion must be *exigeante* in the extreme, or you would have seen it at once."

At this moment entered the party for whom the reserved seats were evidently in waiting.

A stout, florid man of fifty, or thereabouts, accompanied by his wife, hale and comfortable-looking; a couple of daughters, apparently of the respective ages of seventeen and fifteen, and a young lady of rather more mature age, dressed in half-mourning.

There was nothing much in such a party taking their seats to influence Jim Ogilvie, one would have thought; but the claret glass was arrested half-way to his lips, and a muttered "Good gracious!" escaped him.

"What's the matter?" said his neighbor. "Has the incursion opposite frightened you?"

"No. Oh dear, no! I thought I recognized the old gentleman opposite."

"Not often the recognition of a gentleman causes so much confusion," replied his fair friend, laughing. "What do you take him for?"

"Oh! no doubt about him," replied Jim. "Made a lot of money in trade, somehow. Traveling with wife and daughters, to polish the latter. Hates claret, the life, the whole thing. Yearning for port, and to see his *Times* regular. Old lady much of his opinion—hates kickshaws and 'furren ways.' Daughters missy. Clapham educated, full of airs and vulgarism. That's about a correct description of the family, I take it."

"But you are leaving out one," said the young lady; "that nice-looking girl in half-mourning. What is she, niece, daughter, or governess?"

"Beat there quite, Miss Leslie. Don't affect to understand her."

"Well, it's time for us to go. You shall give me your views of that lady in half-mourning when you have had a little more leisure to study her." And Miss Leslie and her party rose and left the table.

"Deuced odd," muttered Jim, as the ladies departed. "If that wasn't Dora Paine, I never saw her. What on earth is she doing here? Wonderful hot weather we're having, Sir?"

"Yes," replied the florid gentleman opposite, whose feminine belongings had also retired. "Suppose it's always the case in this confounded country; but my missus they would come abroad. As for me, I think there's no place like England. Never was out of it before, and wish I wasn't now."

"Well, I like a man with no prejudice about him," thought Jim. "Quite right," he said; "there's no place like it. These people don't know how to dine, spite of all they tell us about French cooking."

The cookery at the Londres was perhaps hardly a fair sample.

"You're right, Sir—you're right," responded the florid-looking gentleman. "You're a sensible man, Sir. No; I like my sirloin of beef and bottle of port afterward. Confound this wishy-washy claret and the kickshaws I've been living on the last six weeks! But the girls bullied their mother to come abroad, and she teased me into it—more fool I, at my time of life."

"Try a *petit verre* with that coffee, and one of these cigars," said Jim; "it's the best part of a Norman dinner." And he threw his case across the table.

"Thank ye, Sir, thank ye," said the other; and in five minutes he and Jim were chatting together like old friends.

The cigars finished, they strolled up the garden, and Jim was introduced to Mrs. and the Misses Chalmers and Miss Paine. Jim bowed.

"Had the pleasure of meeting you last year at Lancey, though I'm afraid my name has faded from your memory, Miss Paine," said Jim.

"No, Mr. Ogilvie, I recollect you perfectly," replied Miss Paine, somewhat drily.

Considering what had then passed between those two, it would have been odd if she hadn't.

Jim's easy, off-hand manner and man-of-the-world converse made a rapid impression. He listened patiently to Mrs. Chalmers' petty grievances, put down the eldest girl's Clapham graces with a high hand, and snubbed the hoyden sharply in a London drawl of some years' practice.

Miss Paine looked on the while with a faint, amused smile. It was only as they strolled back that Jim could contrive for a minute to get a word or two with her.

"Dora," he said, "what does all this mean? What are you doing here? Do you forget our last meeting?"

"I should have thought you had. You took little trouble to discover me after the scrape you led me into last year."

"My dear Dora, I had scrapes enough of my own on hand then. It was all I could do to take care of myself."

"Yes; I could fancy after the manner of men that would be your first object. You don't, as a rule, trouble your heads much about what position you leave us in."

"Don't be unkind; I can explain all when I have an opportunity. What are you doing here?"

"Can't you conceive? I am governess to those girls. A little troublesome, but not bad girls in their way. The eldest is rather pretty. Don't you think so?"

"I don't know. I want to talk to you."

"Hush! Mrs. Chalmers is looking round. You liked early rising once. To-morrow morning, at eight, I will tell you all. I don't know this place. Say where, and I'll find it."

"The Jardin d'Evêques," whispered Jim. "You're quite right, Mrs. Chalmers; it is getting too late to stay out. I'm afraid I must wish you good night," and, lifting his hat, Jim departed.

"By Jove!" he soliloquized, as he solaced himself shortly with a pipe and a glass of Schiedam and water in his lodgings over the tobacconist's. "I had better go away. If I stay I know I shall get spooney on that little Paine girl. She led me into playing the fool once before. Lord, what a wife I might have had!" and Jim laughed at the recollection of a time now gone by—an occasion on which Dora had seduced him from his allegiance to a lady with ingots, whatever else she might lack. And then Jim Ogilvie put down his pipe and sought his pillow.

A few minutes before 8 the next morning Miss Paine trips lightly out of the door of the Londres, rather to the astonishment of Marie, who thinks she's out earlier than most English. She stops for a moment to ask Marie the way to the Jardin d'Evêques. Marie directs her, and thinks she is making a mild pilgrimage to "the stones." For be it known, at the top of the Jardin d'Evêques, enclosed by posts and iron chains, are placed the identical flags taken from the old Cathedral of Avranches on which Henry II. knelt to do penance for the murder of Thomas à Becket. Marie is a believer in bones and stones. She put down Mademoiselle as a *devote Anglaise*, and thinks better of her accordingly.

Miss Paine trips quietly down the street, glances a minute or two at the busy market-place, where buxom Norman huckesters, adorned with the old Norman cap, long, pendulous earrings, and those quaint old-fashioned gold crosses (family heir-looms of perhaps some hundred years), are busily chaffering over their swelling baskets of ripe mellow fruit, and sees what she guesses to be the Jardin d'Evêques before her.

Miss Paine guesses aright, and, crossing the large open space at the top, is soon promenading the broad walk leading up to the penance-worn stones of the Plantagenet.

She had not walked far before Jim Ogilvie met her.

"Thanks, my dear Dora, for this meeting!" he exclaimed. "Come up above here. There is such a glorious view over the bay and country. You will see Mont St. Michel standing forth in all his glory this morning."

They ascended the little hillock in silence. To say the truth, perhaps both were a little puzzled as to how to begin. That there had been love passages between those two is obvious. But they had not met for some months, and picking up "the dropped stitches" on such occasions is sometimes awkward. The lady had a good deal the best of it. You see it was for Jim to take the initiative. A waiting race is always easier than forcing the running. As for Jim, he knew he was doing something foolish; but then his life had been passed in perpetrating follies, and Avranches was getting so dull.

As they reached the summit the girl stopped, entranced. She had an eye for beauty in any form—beauties of nature or beauties of art. The fresh June sun poured down over the glittering bay with its wooded banks, up the long straight, dusty road, so thoroughly French in its apparently interminable length and directness. While far away, still half-enveloped in mist, towered out that mystic Mont St. Michel, of which she had heard so much—as Pagan idol of the Romans, monastery and shrine of the Middle Ages, bastile of the Revolution. Like some grim Old World monster, it looked out over the waters of the bay.

Jim saw she was spell-bound, and for some few minutes forbore to speak. At last he said:

"And now, Dora, tell me about yourself."

"In one moment. What a glorious view it is! Look how the sun gilds those dissolving clouds. Now that cloud landscape disappears as rapidly as it formed. Cape, hill, headland, mountain of that golden panorama melt away before the destroyer. So, Mr. Ogilvie, do the illusions of love and youth before the sun of this every-day life."

"Why do you speak thus, Dora?"

"Why do I speak thus?" replied the girl, bitterly. "Do you think the rosy tints have not been washed out of my young life already? Do you know or care what came of my listening to your idle nonsense when we last met? You know I was sent home in disgrace because I listened to you—that I changed the idle luxury of my aunt's house for the sordid pinching of my own home—and all because I was weak enough to listen to one who never thought it worth his while to inquire what became of me. Yes—you men, you teach us *our* lessons hardly; you bring the tears to our eyes, and a cracking to our heart-strings; but they're lessons we don't forget. No—you do your engraving deeply."

Considering their previous flirtation had been quite as much Miss Paine's doing as the hapless Jim's, this was not at all bad in "the injured, innocence" style. Poor Jim felt as great-fallen as if he had been engaged, and deserted her at the altar, instead of having, by a sudden departure, abruptly broken off a flirtation.

"Dora, mumbled Jim, "will you forgive the past so far as to believe me when I say, that if I had stayed longer in England a debtor's prison would have been my fate?"

"And that prevented you from writing a line to one you professed if my senses did not deceive me, to love?"

"Confound it," thought Jim, "and I once thought this girl was shy. Wonder what I'd better say next?"

He was saved further cogitation on this point. Suddenly a pair of lustrous gray eyes flashed up into his face. The girl laid her hand on his arm, and said:

"Jim, dear, you're puzzled. You foolish fellow, can't you see you've piqued me by the little pains you took to inquire after me?—can't you see the girl you deemed so shy can be bold enough when she loves and meets"—here Dora's voice faltered, and she blushed beautifully—"the man she feared she'd lost?"

In a second Jim's arm was round her waist, and his lips met hers. "My darling!" he whispered.

"There! that will do, I'm sure," said Dora, laughing, and extricating herself from his embrace. "Somebody must be looking our way, and I don't want to make gossip for the *table d'hôte*. I must run back now. See one to the gate, won't you, Jim?"

"Of course I will."

"Excellent! I am 'the governess' though I can do pretty well what I like with the old people, and get on fairly with the girls. If you want to see much of me, you must be intimate with them, mind. Good-bye!" and with a smile and a nod, Dora left the garden.

As for Jim, he felt that it was all over with him, and that the forebodings over last night's pipe had been only too truly realized.

"Yes!" laughed Dora to herself, as she wended her way up the street; "it's true I've reconstructed my truant lover, but then I don't quite know what to do with him now I've got him. I'm afraid poor Jim has got no money. Well, we shall see. In the meantime, being in love with me is good for him." She was a wise little woman in her generation, was Dora Paine.

The *table d'hôte* at the Londres that day was startled by the advent of a new comer, whose irrepressible geniality specially made him acquainted with every one there. He was attired in a light tourist's suit, and wore a white neck-cloth. He looked like a parson out on a Summer's tour. But mystery about him there was none. Time even for conjecture was wanting. Before dinner was over he had, in the most genial, egotistical, off-hand way made every one in his vicinity quite aware that he was the Rector of Edendale, one of the prettiest parsonages in Hertfordshire—that he came abroad every year for a Summer's run, to see fresh scenery and faces, to collect new ideas, and prevent his mind generally from rusting. He wanted to see everything—he wanted everybody to join with him in seeing it. He fraternized with the Chalmers' party, drank wine with Jim, complimented Miss Paine, and laughed with the Leslies—told them his troubles about his cows, and how badly some land he farmed promised this year—laughed gayly over his bachelor life, and the discomforts of an unmarried parson. Finally favoring the company with some of his parochial difficulties, and how he believed it was all from a want of a lady at the Rectory.

"See Mont St. Michael of course he must. Hadn't they or the Chalmers seen it? Delightful! Why not make up a party for to-morrow or the next day? Mr.—— I have not the pleasure of knowing your name."

"Ogilvie," supplemented Jim.

"Delighted to make your acquaintance. Would join also? Capital! Of course nothing could be jollier."

There was no holding the irrepressible rector on his travels, so the Mont St. Michel party was made up.

As Jim said "good night" that evening, he whispered to Miss Paine, "Come and have another look at the view to-morrow morning."

An arch glance and a little nod was Dora's response. But that walk the next morning was a very different affair from that of the previous day. It was true Dora was punctual to her tryst; but then she was accompanied by Miss Chalmers; and that commonplace parson, as Jim mentally called him, had also attached himself to them to see the stones of which he had heard from Miss Paine at dinner on the preceding night.

"So unlucky her taking early rising into her head," murmured Dora *sotto voce* as she bade Jim good morning.

Jim sulked a little at starting; a mistake on his part, for the irrepressible rector, (he announced his name as Phipps, by the way, in the order of his antiquarian researches, was compelled to apply to Miss Paine for information. Consequently Jim found himself paired off, he hardly knew how, with Miss Selina Chalmers. However, he soon recovered his spirits, and as there was nothing for it but to accept the situation, he rattled away to that young lady, who seemed not a little pleased with her cavalier.

She was a fresh, good-looking girl, and, though perhaps a nice observer might detect she was not quite a lady, she was anything but the missy vulgar girl Jim had stigmatized her as, on her first appearance at the Londres. Then her unmistakable admiration of himself tickled his vanity and stimulated him to make himself decidedly agreeable.

"Oh, Phipps, he's handsome, and agreeable Mr. Ogilvie is," said Selina Chalmers, as they ascended the stairs of the hotel together.

"You think so?" said Miss Paine dryly; "perhaps he is. Jim, Jim," she murmured to herself when she got into her own room. "I can't quite make up my mind what to do about you."

The Mont St. Michel party came off in a day or two. A longish ride through a rather pretty country brought them to the edge of the famous sands over which the tide ran high daily, quite isolating the weird old rock from the main land. Fearful were the stories of people overtaken by the rushing waters in traversing that mile of silting sand, for the tide comes in like a mill-race in that Normandy bay. Dread the legends of strong men and bonnie peasant lasses who had been too venturesome, and had been tucked in by the treacherous quicksands that abound there. Stupendous were the lies told by the powerful, wiry, barefooted Norman guide of the rescues he had made over those treacherous sands; of the grim corpses he had seen in his fishing or fowling adventures there in the Winter; of the wretched fate of men who had tried to escape from the *cachettes* of the drear old prison, as it was in the days of the Great Revolution.

Our party have arrived at the strip of shingly beach that surrounds the rock. They pass through the massive gateway, and ascend the steep, ill-paved road into the little town, or rather hamlet, that nestles at its feet. Jim Ogilvie is a little discomforted. Somehow Selina Chambers seems fated to be his companion, while that "confounded parson," as Jim once more terms him, seems to have appropriated Dora Paine. They climb, you are always climbing to begin with at Mont St. Michel, those dreadfully steep stairs. The church, the cloisters, the *salle*, are all shown to them in their turn. They come at last to the *cachettes*, those fearful little dungeons under the roof; they peep in, but to their eyes, used to daylight, all seems utter darkness. Their guide in solemn tones narrates of political prisoners who entered those little cells as young men, only to leave them after many years; sewn up in a blanket, with a shot attached to their lifeless feet, for a sullen plunge over the parapet when the tide ran high.

The *cachettes* of the Bastile recur to the memory. One thinks of those gay republicans of the tricolor, who danced the *carmagnole* and demolished the Bastile in Paris to establish it again at grim St. Michel. The world goes round, but men remain the same, and, like the beasts, ever worry their stricken brethren.

The irrepressible Phipps and Jim must of course try temporary incarceration in a *cachette* each to see what it was like. Armed with a cigar fusee each prepared for his enterprise. Stop! would no lady share the adventure? Of course. When was woman's courage known to fail on such occasions? Miss Paine and Miss Chalmers came nobly to the front.

"Now, Miss Paine," said Jim.

"In one moment," replied Dora.

Jim had been chafing, we know, for some time at the way in which Phipps had somehow monopolized Dora. Now was his time for an explanation.

"Give me your hand," he said, advancing cautiously into the darkness and stretching his hand out behind him.

A little hand was put into his. He drew the owner gently forward, not forgetting to press the hand tenderly as he did so.

The lady gave a slight scream as the door closed behind them.

"Don't be frightened, darling," murmured Jim, as he stole his arm round his companion's waist. "I'll take every care of you."

"Oh, oh, it's so dark! Don't, please."

"My pet, I loved you from the first, you know—from the first time I ever saw you," and Jim, taking rather a mean advantage of the situation, snatched half a dozen kisses from lips that were certainly yielded with very little denying. "Never mind your friends or mine," continued Jim. "Only say you'll be mine. I never loved woman as I love you. Kiss me, dearest, and say Yes."

A pair of arms stole round his neck, and a modest little kiss was given for answer.

"I say," called out old Chalmers, "haven't you people had enough of cachetting by this time? I'm getting back to the hotel."

"All right," replied Jim; "we're out. Don't think but what we shall be lost."

The door was opened, and Jim let out his fellow-prisoner—Miss Selina Chalmers.

Jim stared like a man in a maze; he was too dumbfounded to speak. Miss Chalmers, whose cheeks were the most roseate hue, seemed also quite afraid to encounter any one's glances.

"Now for our the other delinquents," chuckled Chalmers, and out of the port *cachette* stepped forth Miss Paine and the parson. Phipps looked a little serious; but Dora was as quiet and self-possessed as usual, taking Mr. Phipps' arm for the descent with the most perfect *sang froid*. Miss Chalmers, of course, falling once more to Jim's care. What to do he didn't quite know; but Jim's knowledge of the world told him this much—however he might get out of it afterward, he could do nothing now. After kissing a girl for five minutes in the dark, telling her he loved her, and asking her to marry him, (it's true by mistake,) he couldn't quite throw her over the same afternoon. She was, as I've already said, not a bad-looking girl, and just "sweet seventeen" to boot; so Jim in a more modified form continued to make himself as agreeable as his utterly upset equilibrium allowed.

As for Selina Chalmers, she was too bewildered by a first and unexpected declaration of love to be more than rather frightened at Jim's *petits soins*, though she rather liked his calling her Lina.

The drive homeward was quiet. Jim was dying to have a few words with Dora; but that astute young lady never gave him a chance. He found himself always beside his *fiancé*, Jim, in his most ferocious moods, was lamb-like to women, and Miss Selina's barely-concealed blushes and general confusion insured her kind treatment.

On their return to the hotel, Jim made his adieux. The shy glance of Selina's dark eyes seemed to him his "kismet," and he could not refrain from returning it with a warm pressure of the timid little hand that was put forth to his at parting.

"One moment, Mr. Ogilvie," said Miss Paine, following him to the door. "Don't forget that book you promised me. I should like to see if I am right about that particular passage."

This was all Greek to Jim; but he was beginning to be aware that Dora's manœuvres were a little beyond him.

"Grand Place at seven to-morrow," she whispered, "and I'll explain all. Good night."

Miss Paine had been but a few moments in her room that evening before there came a knock at the door, and Miss Chalmers entered. She had had before this more than one little skirmish with Dora, in which she had been notably worsted, and it was an unusual thing on her part to make a confidante of Miss Paine. But then, you see, she was in all the flush of a first love. She had admired Jim Ogilvie very much from the beginning. School girl as she was, no one had ever made love to her before, and she took it very much in earnest now, as young girls generally do. Her sex's wit told her already that Dora, she knew not how, could influence Jim for good or evil as far as she was concerned. So she came to tell her story, and entreat Miss Paine to throw no blight on her young dream.

"You're quite right, my dear," said Dora, after hearing the somewhat faltering confession. "He has position, and is a gentleman. I know something of him in England. Your papa has money, and if he only does what he should, you'll make a very happy couple. Poor Jim, you see, has nothing."

Selina started a little at "poor Jim," but she felt as if she were in Dora's hands, and then—well, she didn't want to lose her lover. "Shall you go out before breakfast to-morrow?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Mayn't I come with you?" It had been Dora's suggestion, her coming the morning before.

"No. Don't be jealous, you little stupid, or I won't do anything for you. You may trust Jim."

"Good night, Dora, and thank you so much. I know I have behaved badly to you often. But you'll forgive all now, won't you?" And Selina shyly offered her cheek.

Dora just brushed it with her lips. "It will be your father's fault," she said, "if you don't marry Jim Ogilvie. Now, good night. Go to bed, and dream of your marriage bells ringing."

"Yes, Jim," she murmured, as Selina left the room; "I don't think you can have me; so I'll be magnanimous, and do the best I can for you, though you hardly deserve it. Well, for you, Sir, you returned to your allegiance, to begin with, or I don't say what I might have been tempted to do."

And what were Jim's reflections that evening over his solitary pipe? That hardened ex-hussar was completely beaten.

"Don't know how the deuce it's to come off," he muttered. "Not 'in the know' one bit this time. Wonder whether she did it on purpose? What does she mean? Don't think she means me, any way. Rather a sell, because I was in earnest. What the devil am I to do about Selina? Evening train for Paris to-morrow, I should think. 'a about 'my form.' Wonder what she's got to say to-morrow?"

On arriving at the place the next morning Jim found Dora there awaiting him. "How well she looked," he thought, "in her half-mourning," as she come forward to meet him, the gray eyes dancing with fun.

"Oh, Jim, Jim!" she said, as she extended her hand, "is this your love for me? The first picnic we go to you leave me, and propose to somebody else. Wouldn't come near me all day even."

"You didn't give me much chance," said Jim, bitterly. "Besides, you know, Dora, I thought——"

"I know nothing," she interrupted, laughing, "except that Mr. Phipps had to take care of me all day, and Selina has told me what took place between you and her in the *cachette*."

"Dora, my darling, for Heaven's sake——"

"Come into the garden, Jim, and do be quiet. You can't have so many darlings; at least, not all at once, you know," said Miss Paine, roguishly.

"Dora, you know——"

"Do hold your tongue. Come and sit down on this bench, and listen to me."

"But you know I don't mean to marry Selina; that it was a mistake. I love you, and mean to marry you."

"Can't be done, Jim, dear," and Miss Paine shook her head solemnly, though, from a slight twitching about the corners of her mouth, it might be doubted if a strong inclination to laugh was not at that moment heaving impulse.

"I don't quite know how it all happened, Dora; but I believe you were the cause of it," said Jim, sulkily. "I half think you mean taking up with that confounded parson. I'd break his neck if I was quite clear about it."

"You'll do nothing of the kind," replied Dora, sharply. "I'll not have my intended husband immolated. Don't look savage, Sir. Listen to me."

"I didn't come here to be made a fool of," said Jim, fiercely, as he rose. "Marry the parson, then. I shall start for Paris by the afternoon train."

"No you won't, Jim, don't be foolish. Sit patiently till I have done. When I first met you I liked you more than any one I had ever seen. Don't mistake me; I have never loved any one, not even you. I doubt whether it is really in me to do so. I was poor, and very tired of that poverty. I thought you rich, and wanted to marry you. If you had been, I should have made you a very good wife. I could have liked you as well as it is in me to like any one; perhaps better. If I have not much heart I have a pretty good head. That little fiasco occurred, or I might have married you. Dreadful thing for both of us, Jim, eh? What could we have lived on? Neither you nor I are good at economy."

"Good-bye," he said savagely between his set teeth. "You make me think worse of women than I ever did yet."

She laid her hand on his arm, and the mocking tones in which she had as yet spoken softened marvelously. Heartless as she was, still what of heart she had Jim had touched. At this minute, when she was about to bid him leave her, she could not but feel a slight pang that it must be so. She wavered for a second in her purpose, and then the worldly, scheming little head recovered itself.

"Don't go yet, please," she said. "Jim, we can't have all we would like in this world. If I was rich I would marry you. If I tell you it was my plan that Selina entered the *cachette* with you, forgive me. It was as much for you as myself. You've asked her to marry you, and she has consented. Do it. Her father is rich. You were prepared once before to marry for money. Do it now. She's a nice girl—young. You can make of her what you will; and one thing more: she believes what women don't, altogether, in these days——" She paused.

"What?" he exclaimed.

"Thoroughly in her lover," and Dora's eyes dropped. There was a silence of some moments between them.

"And you inquired Jim, roughly, at last, "do you mean to do as I ask you?"

"Jim, don't throw stones. If I have paid the cost of it a little, I'm sure I discovered it. I raised great ghosts, but the past is buried between us."

"But you—what do you mean to do?"

"Do?" she replied, with a light laugh—"why, marry the parson, of course, you goose. He can keep me, which you can't. He's not quite asked me yet, but he will before two days are over. Now, don't be sulky any more, Jim. Do as I tell you, and leave me to myself. It's best for both of us. Good-bye. Shake hands, and let's part friends. Yes; you may kiss me just for the last time."

"By Jove, Dora, you're a clever woman!"

"Thanks, Monsieur." And making him a low curtsey, Miss Dora took her way back to the hotel.

A few days elapsed, harassing in the extreme to poor Selina, who was dreadfully jealous of the attentions that her affianced occasionally showed Miss Paine. In vain Jim told her that "was but to take off suspicion." In vain Dora laughed at her. The girl was jealous, and had some cause for it. Those two worldly Philistines could hardly confide to her that the Rev. Phipps had to be slightly stimulated; but so it was. Four days saw her troubles over. At the end of that time Miss Paine, in a charming suffusion of blushes, announced her engagement. Jim followed suit. Mr. Chalmers was at first a little indignant at the latter; but in twenty-four hours, during which Dora had placed it to him in the most favorable light, immensely proud of his daughter's conquest, and the two engagements of "Over the Water" were shortly solemnized on this side.

Jim and his wife got on very comfortably—a slight storm at Christmas, on the way they habitually exceed the very liberal allowance old Chalmers gives them, being all that ruffles their tranquil waters. Selina is submissive on every point but one, and that is any intimacy with the Phippses. As for the Rev. Phipps, he believes implicitly in his wife; and if she is occasionally a little "coquette," she is far too clever to go the length of ever letting scandal be busy with her name.

HOMEWARD.

It is the time when birds are calling
Each to his mate, his sweet-heart mate,
When leaves are sweet with blossoms falling,
And Spring is waxing warm and late;
And care is grown a heavy travelling
That keeps me from my fair estate.

For in the old familiar places
Doth Nature list, for me doth list,
And in the wood's untrodden spaces
Are pathways where my feet are missed,
And little starry flower-faces
That welcome me to keep a tryst.

Sweet valleys that the sky stoops over
So tenderly, so tenderly,
And hill-sides where the whitening clover
Already tempts the roving bee,
My heart is still your faithful lover,
Remembering charms none else will see.

The robin is my younger brother;
Blackbird and jay, sparrow and wren,
Each year to greet the dear old mother
Come all the children home again;
She calls to me, "I miss one other,
Ah, why so long in haunts of men?"

She knows my heart could never wrong her,
She calls me as my dreams do so;
I feel the old spells growing stronger,
Aside the heavy weight I throw.
I can not bide in exile longer,
Home to the meadows let me go!

—*Harper's for April.*

THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—In a work just published, M. EMILE OLLIVIER thus describes the Emperor NAPOLEON: "A false appreciation has been formed of the person of the Emperor; he is set down as taciturn and impassable, and, in fact, he appears so on public occasions. In his cabinet he is quite the reverse; his physiognomy is smiling, and though he never throws off a certain reserve which resembles timidity, his reception is cordial, of touching simplicity, and seductive politeness. He listens like one who desires to retain what you have to say, and he only interrupts to make a serious objection in good terms. Himself is not blinded by prejudices, and one can say anything to him, even the truth, provided one expresses oneself gently. His changes of opinion, which have appeared to many like dissimulation, are only the natural movements of an impressionable mind. It might be affirmed that he is only accessible to what is great had he not often confounded that which creates an effect with what is great. His resolutions are slowly formed, and he is not sorry at having them imposed upon him by necessity. If he were not startled he might adapt himself to liberty." M. OLLIVIER gives a letter written to him by His Majesty in support of assertions already alluded to. It is dated Paris, Jan. 13, 1867, and runs thus: "I thank you, Sir, for the letter which you have written me, and which contains the exact account of our conversation. Our talk has left a kind impression, for it is a great satisfaction for me to converse with a man whose elevated and patriotic sentiments soar above all small and party interests. Although decided to follow the policy which I traced out some months ago at Walewski, I should like to speak with you and ROUHER again about the execution of details. Believe me that what impedes me is neither uncertainty nor a vain infatuation concerning my prerogatives, but the desiring myself of the means of reestablishing, in this country, so troubled by different passions, that moral order which is the essential basis of liberty. What makes me uneasy on the subject of law on the Press is not to find the force which shall repress, but the manner of defining a law on infractions which merit repression. The most dangerous articles may escape all condemnation, while insignificant ones may fall under the penalty of the law. Here has always been the difficulty. Nevertheless, to strike the imagination by decisive measures, I would wish at one stroke to establish what has been called the crowning of the edifice; I should like to do this and never undo the work; for a settlement is necessary to me and to the country. I must mark out resolutely the goal that I desire to reach without having the appearance of being forced, year by year, to make successive concessions; for one always falls, as said M. GUIZOT, on the side one leans, and I wish to march straight and firmly, without oscillating, now to the right, now to the left. You see I speak to you very frankly; you have inspired me with an entire confidence, and my inspirations will always seem to me the better for being in conformity with yours. Believe in my sentiments."

THE MARTYRDOM OF SAVONAROLA.—They clad him in priestly robes, which a Bishop immediately tore off, at the same time pronouncing the words of doom: "I separate thee from the Church militant and from the Church triumphant." The martyr's face, sombre hitherto and overcast, brightened with an excellent glory, while he made answer: "Not from the Church triumphant, that is beyond thy power." Who spoke to him those lofty words, but He who is with his people always, and who said, "Fear not them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do?" Serene, dauntless, humble as becomes a fallen man, forgiving as becomes a pardoned Christian, with nothing abject and nothing boastful in his bearing, he saw his comrades strangled and burned, and then committed his body into the hands of the executioner and his soul into the keeping of Christ. So they quenched the light of Italy, and ever since she has been stumbling on the dark mountains, the prey of invaders, of despots and of priests, faring as we shall fare if we put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter—if we see better and approve it, but choose the worse. They flung his ashes into the Arno, and that impetuous river swept them to the sea. It was the last small insult which hate and fear could inflict in their hour of triumph. Yet what fitter tomb for the orator of many moods, threats, entreaties, defiances, hopes and fears, than the many-sounding, many-charmed sea—for the freeman, whose life was battle against the tyrants of the soul, than those free waves, whose children are the champions of liberty for the body and liberty for the soul? We read that as he stood ready to be offered, the martyr fixed one long, strange glance upon the fierce democracy that he had formerly wielded at his will. We may picture the sadness and majesty of that look, but his thoughts we cannot follow. Yet if he had, as he dreamed, the gift of prophecy, then would his visions have been like these: "I see the people scourged under the scourge of pestilence, remembering and bewailing me, and driving out my enemies. I see the hateful tyrant whose snares entangled and whose minions doomed me, taken at last in a pit of his own digging, with murderous greed coiled like a serpent round his heart; and it is better to die a martyr for Christ, than the victim of deeds like his. I see a mightier testimony, a more vital energy, a deeper and farther reaching truth than my teaching expressed, shaking realms I have trod, and building into mighty cathedrals spaces whose very names are strange. And, looking down the centuries, what is this which dimly looms to view? Florence, the august capital of a great, united and free empire; confronting, with often-baffled but always inexorable purpose, a Rome, how darkly changed! emblems they of the new time and the old, liberty and bondage, life and death; Rome, through all changes, yielding to an inevitable fall; Florence, in fair weather and foul, erect in the energy and buoyant in the hopefulness of youth renewed."—*The Quiver.*

A RARE DOORSTEP ACQUAINTANCE.—There is a little old Genoese lady comes to sell us pins, needles, thread, tape, and the like *robe*, whom I regard as leading quite an ideal life in some respects. Her traffic is limited to a certain number of families who speak more or less Italian, and her days, so far as they are concerned, must be passed in an atmosphere of sympathy and kindliness. The truth is, we Northern and New World folk cannot help but cast a little romance about whatever comes to us from Italy, whether we have actually known the beauty and charm of that land or not. Then this old lady is in herself a very lovable kind of person, with a tender mother-face, which is also the face of a child. A smile plays always upon her wrinkled visage, and her quick and restless eyes are full of friendliness. There is never much stuff in her basket, however, and it is something of a mystery how she manages to live from it. None but an Italian could, I am sure, and her experience must test the full virtue of the national genius for cheap salads and much-extenuated soup-meat. I do not know whether it is native in her, or whether it is a grace acquired from long dealing with these kindly-hearted customers of hers in Charlesbridge, but she is of a most munificent spirit, and returns every smallest benefit with some present from her basket. She makes me ashamed of things I have written about the sordidness of her race, but I shall vainly seek to atone for them by open-heartedness to her. She will give favor for favor; she will not even count the money she receives; our bargaining is a contest of the courtliest civilities, ending in many an "Adieu!" "To meet again!" "Remain well!" and "Finally!" not surpassed if rivaled in any Italian street. In her ineffectual way she brings us news of her different customers, breaking up their stout Saxon names into tinkling polysyllables which suggest them only to the practiced sense, and is perfectly patient and contented if we mistake one for another. She loves them all, but pities them as living in a terr

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

LETTERS OF A SENTIMENTAL IDLER. By HENRY HARWOOD LEECH. New-York: D. APPLETON & CO.

A gay, suggestive book to notice, and a pleasant one to read. The "Sentimental Idler" takes us over the old track—Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Nubia, Palestine—but in such a spirit of interest and fresh, elastic enjoyment, that we go along with him with a great deal of pleasure and even a sense of novelty. His style is youthful and exuberant, and it is also full of fancy and broad humor, intermingled with a certain airy nonchalance and gentlemanly *persiflage*, which agreeably diversify his poetic reverence and his flashes of sentiment. It is a very good traveler's style, always animated, full of descriptions of men and things, and swarming with word-pictures that set the passing scenes before the reader's eye. Mr. LEECH sometimes reminds us of "Rothen," with the same facility and power of words, though more diffuse and less conscrial, if we rightly remember. Our "Idler" sets out from Trieste, and goes, by way of Corfu and Syra, to Smyrna, and thence to the many-named "Istambol," which also bears, curiously enough, among the Slavonic peoples, the very suggestive title of *Carigrad*. Here our traveler saw the Sultan riding through the streets, and we present the reader with his portrait of his reigning Majesty, ABDUL AZIZ KHAN:

"ABDUL AZIZ KHAN was mounted on a white Arabian horse of pure blood, the velvet housings of which were sparkling with rubies, topazes, and emeralds, forming flowers in a foliage of gold. He is a man of large, heavy body, but not above the medium height. His age is about forty-five, but he looks older. His eyes are fine, complexion dark, nose Roman, and mouth firm. A beard and heavy mustache give character to his face, but his hair, cut quite close, is thickly sprinkled with gray. He has been and still is what the world would call a handsome man, were it not for the cold look of pride painted on every feature, and apparent in every gesture; great lines are marked about his eyes, carved by nature's firm hand, who will imprint her record on every face, be it that of prince or peasant. He has that peculiar, weary, and contemplative look, common to all the Orientals of high degree, and scarcely deigned to look to the right or left as he rode along. The Turks received him in silence, for on no occasion do they remove the *fez* from their heads in homage, but the Europeans raised their hats as he passed, for Mussulmen, though yielding but little to the forms of allegiance themselves, rigorously demand it from others; but the Sultan disdained to acknowledge foreign politeness by even a nod of his sacred head."

From a crowd of attractive passages, well worth extract, our space will allow us to give but one or two, of a personal nature. In Egypt the "Sentimental Idler" was introduced to the three young Princes, sons of the Hyder—as he is called—of that country:

"The eldest (and now the heir to the throne of the Ptolemies) was a sallow, dark-eyed, discontented-looking youth of fourteen; the next in age, a beautiful, oval-faced boy of perhaps twelve, with gazelle-like eyes, and the soft, musical voice of a girl; the youngest, about ten, a perfect little Hercules, with a savage energy in every lineament, and who talked of hunting like a Nimrod, and wanted to learn so much about our Indians, buffalo-hunting, and American prairies. They all seemed to be far beyond their nationalities in intelligence, spoke French perfectly, and seemed to be charmed to hear about America, that far-off El Dorado which, to them, seemed to be invested with something of the mystery of the Mountains of the Moon.

"After being served with the chibouk and delicious coffee, we took our leave, which was accompanied, on the part of the Princes and their suite, with many amiable expressions of pleasure at the interview."

One of the above Princes is now in London for his education, and the other is in Paris for the same purpose.

Our traveler goes up the "Great River" of Egypt, where he sees the *almes* go through their dances, and says they are so called from a term due "learned woman"—the feminine of the word *alems*—forgetting the "*Alma* Venus genetrix" of his college days; *alma* being, in fact, the ancient Syriac or Phœnician for "maiden." At Medinet Abou he met Lady DUFF GORDON, one of those eccentric British ladies who go alone and imitate the wandering ways of Lady HESTER STANHOPE. This is his account of the interview:

"Lady GORDON, whose domestic history I will not touch upon, has deserted her country. She lives in the Summer in Cairo, and in the Autumn and Winter upon the Nile, generally at Thebes, in the house which was formerly occupied by the French Consul, and the officers who had in charge the removal of that famous obelisk which is the grand ornament of the Place de la Concorde, in Paris. I was shown into her garden by the *almes*, and there met MUSTAPHA AGA, who preceded me into the house, built in the Arab style; there we were met by the same dragoman who has accompanied her ladyship in all her travels, (and whom she mentions in her book,) and being announced, we were received by our hostess with great affability. Lady DUFF GORDON cannot be less than forty-five years of age, of commanding and elegant figure; she must have been beautiful in her youth; her black hair, through which the silver strands were visible, was disposed negligently over cheeks and shoulders. On her head she wore an ordinary red Turkish cap, and all likeness to European dress was abolished by the graceful *burnous* which she wrapped about her. Her face was quite sallow and pale; her mouth showed firmness and decision in a remarkable degree, and her fine dark eyes sparkled with a rare fire. She spoke of our voyage to the second cataract, and then compared it with her own several years between laughed at my Kalabshee adventure, and said, with characteristic energy, the Viceroy should "burn them out again," meaning, of course, the savages who had attacked me. I complimented her on her book of amusing Eastern travel, and she, with an affectation unpardonable in any author, said she had never opened the covers of the printed work. Where had her womanly curiosity flown? At this point, MUSTAPHA left us, and I accepted Lady GORDON's invitation to join her in coffee and a chibouk. The coffee was served—it was excellent; but what was my surprise to observe her ladyship receive a chibouk from the hands of her dragoman—we both were soon enveloped in the fraternal cloud! This eccentric lady had a way of quiet assertion in all things discussed that soon gave me an insight into her imperative will—she could brook no contradiction—and to give up or modify an opinion would have been like surrendering a citadel—ah, if she had been a man, what a famous officer in India she would have made—blowing Sepoys from cannon would have been nothing to it! Our conversation passed from literature to politics. Like all Englishmen or women of rank whom I have met, she had no faith in anything but blood, which, although a very good thing in its way, sometimes is beaten out of bounds by brains. She had no sympathy for reform in England, and thought a working-man—well, a good sort of machine to run up houses, dig out canals, build railroads; but to command armies, address Parliaments, or govern States—behaw! As for universal suffrage, she shook her head. America was a grand country, but some day—you will abandon your cardinal error, *a—fail!* I do not pretend to give you, my Bookworm, her precise words, but the sense and bearing of our conversation. To subjects less weighty we passed—of her life in the desert. She was charmed with it, and really loved the simple-hearted Arabs, whom she treated in all things as if they were harmless little children. I thought I should not like to have a nursery full of such infants, with their tufted spears and ugly-looking pistols. But our conversation was here interrupted by a terrible fit of coughing which seized my hostess—she evidently is consumptive. After it had passed, I took my leave after a cordial invitation, and a promise to come again before I left Thebes."

This book contains, along with a photograph of the author, a number of admirable illustrations, and is got out in the best style of the publishers.

Brief Notices.

—*Where to Emigrate, and Why.* By FREDERICK B. GODDARD. (New-York: F. B. GODDARD.) This is a work of such valuable information, coming so seasonably when the active wants of the time render it so needful to make a number of people willing to try their fortunes in the open places of this country, and bewildered by the very variety of advantages offered in all directions, that we cannot help wishing the book were more portable and more easily procurable by the thousands who would be so benefited by it. But this may seem like "looking the gift horse in the mouth," and so, taking it as it is, we can only say, the man reading it for the freshest kind of information regarding the resources of this country, or the working emigrant, anxious to see his way, will find in it a clear and comprehensive series of state portraits, so to speak, including California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Alaska, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, New-Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Arkansas, together with the Southern States, where immigrants are so much needed at present—all forming a vast mass of instruction collected from a hundred sources, on the climate, soil, agriculture, minerals, manufactures and general resources of the foregoing divisions, and the amount and quality of their available lands, and the prices of them. Accompanying these valuable statistics we find a number of maps of States and illustrations of scenery. It is, altogether, a work which in its compilation, artistic ability and publishing enterprise is highly creditable to the author; and it will be found a very useful book of reference by those who have to discuss the grand questions of foreign emigration and domestic settlement in their bearings.

—PATRICK DONAHOE, of Boston, has published a neat edition of a religious work by Jean EMMANUEL VERTE, entitled *The Instruments of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, translated from the German by Rev. THEODORE NOETHEN.

—DICK & FITZGERALD have published *The Book of Tableaux and Shadow Pantomimes*, by SARAH ANNIE FROST, which will be of great service to those who are fond of the parlor amusements called *tableaux vivants*.

—We have from GOULD & LINCOLN, Boston, the valuable *Annual of Scientific Discovery for 1869*, edited by SAMUEL KNEELAND.

—Volume I of the octavo series of the *American Publisher and Bookseller* is just published by S. R. CATHCART.

MONTANA.

The Mineral Wealth of the State—Its Gold, Silver, Copper and Iron Mines—How They are Worked—The Future of the State.

FROM an Occasional Correspondent.

HELENA, MONTANA TERRITORY, Monday, March 1, 1869.

I was in error in my letter of the 15th inst. in stating that the very rich silver ores which were on exhibition in New-York, some two years since, were from the mine known as the "Poor Man's Joy," in Montana. They were from the "Poor Man's" mine in Idaho, but the "Poor Man's Joy" is a similar lodge, in the same general range, and Montana contains many more "of the same sort." The silver ores here, as elsewhere, usually contain a much greater value of metal to the ton than gold ores, but the latter are more cheaply and easily mined and worked, and require less expensive machinery. Perhaps, for this reason only, the silver mines of the Territory have not thus far been as fully developed as the gold mines, but the future wealth of Montana will depend on no one class of mines, and gold, silver, iron and copper will each contribute its full quota, as will the numerous mining districts scattered over the Territory.

The location of the gold mining "camps" or towns, and the character of the mines and mining in the different districts of the Territory are so similar, that to get a general understanding of the whole system requires but the description of one locality. Everywhere placer mining has been first discovered, and the first cabins, marking the site of the future towns, have been erected on the flat lands or widening out at the intersection of two canyons, and as far up toward the main mountains as practicable. Subsequently the quartz ledges have been found above, and the two classes of mining have been prosecuted, adding to the population and wealth of their locality, in proportion as capital and good judgment have been jointly employed in the work.

In the year 1864, a party of discouraged prospectors discovered "pay dirt" in a gulch or canyon to which they gave the name of "Last Chance," because they had determined that, if unsuccessful, this should be their last attempt in this region. Immediately a stake was struck on the site of the present flourishing "City" of Helena, at the head of the main canyon, at the junction of two lesser canyons afterward called "Oro Fino" and "Grizzley" gulches. The object was to get above the muddy water of the diggings and as near as practicable to the wood which abounds on the mountains above. Clear water, however, was not permanently secured, as rich dirt was found in the two gulches above and in the smaller branches running some three miles up into the lesser mountains or foot-hills, until at the base of the Rocky Mountains proper, they strike the quartz veins which cross them nearly at right angles. These gulches or canyons are traceable further up, but, after passing the ledges no color of gold is found in them. The quartz ledges are in a permanent granite formation that seems to have been cleft by volcanic or other forces, especially for the reception of the auriferous deposits and their preservation for the uses of civilization and commerce. In the foot-hills, or lesser mountains below, apparently of later origin, the rock is usually slate or limestone, with granite streaks, and in the limestone are found fossils and shells, plainly indicating the presence and influence of water in their formation.

The placer "diggings" in this district extend down the Last Chance to a distance of about two and a half miles below the city, and up the lesser canyons, as before stated, about three miles. They are also found to the eastward in "Dry" and "Tucker" gulches, which uniting form a canyon of very considerable size, connecting with Last Chance a little below Helena, and to the west, at a little greater distance, in "Nelson," and "Buffalo," and "Colorado" gulches, which uniting with the "Ten Mile" canyon, or creek, connect also with Last Chance still further down. The waters flowing through all these empty into the Missouri River about fifteen miles north of the city. The metal is found in the sands deposited by the streams coming down from the mountains above, and the pay streaks follow tortuous courses, like the meanderings of meadow brooks. In accordance with the laws of gravitation, the gold, from its weight, has settled to and toward the bottom, and though traces are seen all through the deposits, the "pay dirt" is found within five or six feet, and the best within one foot of the "bed rock," while in the crevices of the rock almost pure gold is sometimes discovered.

These canyons vary in width and in the quantity of the deposits. Grizzley is about three hundred and eighty feet in width at its widest point, with deposits averaging about thirty feet in depth, and a pay streak averaging about forty feet wide. The "Last Chance" is, of course, larger, broadening out in some places into a surface of two to three hundred yards wide of pay dirt.

The usual manner of mining is by shafts sunk to "bed rock," with drifts in various directions, in which the earth above is required to be supported by skillful and thorough timbering. The dirt after being taken out, when in small quantities, is gathered in iron pans of about the size of ordinary milk pans, and is washed by a stream of water running upon it, and overflowing the sides until the loose earth is washed out and the heavier particles of gold are left free at the bottom of the pan. In some sections, mainly nearer the Pacific coast, where Chinamen abound, what is called the "Georgia rocker" is used for prospecting and temporary work. This is a pan with a perforated bottom, so arranged as to enable the operator to give it an oscillating motion, and placed over a box or trough open at one end, into which the particles of gold and fine sand pass through the perforations, to be again washed, while the stones and useless matter are left in the pan to be thrown away.

When placer mining is carried on on a large scale, pans and rockers are laid aside, and resort is had to "sluice boxes" for extensive washings. They are composed of three boards, bottom and two sides, usually fourteen feet long and from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, constructed with one end just sufficiently narrower than the other that the narrow end of one box will fit into the wider end of another. Often a "series" or "string" of these are arranged so as to make a continuous trough, in which the dirt is carried for long distances down or along the mountain sides, leaving the gold deposited in the bottom, to be gathered up after the water is shut off. To facilitate the washing and to secure more certainly the particles of metal, "riffles" are used, which, as the name indicates, give additional agitation to the water as it passes through. They are formed in various ways—sometimes by simply nailing slats at convenient distances across the bottom of the boxes.

When the nature and location of the soil will permit, the hydraulic process of mining is resorted to as the most rapid and economical. This here is called "piping," and simply dissolves and loosens the earth as it lies and washes it down into sluice boxes below. A strong hose and pipe are used, leading water from a great elevation, and "squirting" it with such force through a nozzle like that used in connection with fire engines, against the gravel and earth to be moved.

This process of mining and washing requires a large amount of water, and often very expensive ditches are constructed to bring it from distant streams and concentrate it at convenient points. For the placer mining near this city, a ditch has been constructed twenty miles in length to bring water from the Ten Mile Creek, crossing, by means of aqueducts or flumes, Colorado and Nelson and Buffalo and Last Chance gulches. The flume over Nelson gulch is about seventy feet high, and that over Last Chance about ninety feet, and each is about ninety feet long, supported by trestle-work like a bridge.

In "surface diggings," where the expense of shafting is avoided, three cents in value of gold to the pan pays handsomely, while ten cents from dirt taken from the drifts is quite satisfactory to the miners. Here the general average has been over twenty cents, while dirt from the crevices has yielded as high as *one hundred and forty dollars* to the pan. In some localities richer dirt than this is found. About thirty miles from Helena, on the other side of the Missouri River, near Diamond City, in what is known as "The Belt Range," in Confederate gulch, in which rumor says that *three thousand dollars* have been taken from a single pan, and that a shovel pushed into a crevice brought out *eighteen hundred dollars* at one time. The general average is larger there than here, but the diggings are not so extensive and not nearly so many men have been employed.

Sometimes clay is mixed with the dirt in such a manner as to prevent the separation of the metals, but after being exposed a considerable time to the action of the atmosphere and the influence of the rays of the sun, it crumbles and is ready for washing. The first working of the placers is usually superficial, the miners hunting for the richest deposits, which, however, they frequently pass without discovery, and leave untouched. Usually a second working by a new set of miners proves quite as profitable as the first, and some of the placers here are now being successfully worked for the third time.

As I stated in my last, placer mining is the most immediately productive and requires comparatively but little capital. But the placers are, from their very nature, limited in extent, and, after a time, worked out. The reliance of the Territory for permanent wealth is, therefore, in the quartz veins inclosed in the solid granite of the mountains above, from the disintegration of the exposed portions of which, through unnumbered ages, the deposits in the canyons below have been washed.

In many portions of the mining country, the ledges are numerous, lying parallel and near together. Here there is but one ledge, though small seams and fissures of no value or extent have been discovered above it. It is a bold, true fissure vein, between solid wall rocks of granite, and has been traced on the surface by occasional outcroppings over three miles. The laws of this mining district, under which the right of possession and use is obtained, and which are recognized by acts of Congress and the United States Courts, give to the discoverer what is called the "discovery" claim and one adjoining claim. And the discoverer may locate his friends or companions with him, each taking one claim only; provided that no one location shall exceed eleven claims, and provided further that the locators shall be *bona fide* citizens of the Territory. Each claim is two hundred feet in extent along the length of the lode, with sufficient width for mining purposes, and they are known by numbers one, two, three, &c., counting both ways from discovery. The Whitlatch Union, the Parkinson, the Walrusda, the Park, the Granite Mountain and the Uncle Sam are the principal locations on the ledge, all of which have been developed sufficiently to test their value, and are now productive. The claims in the different locations may be aggregated by partnerships or purchase, but custom here segregates the interests so that it is not uncommon for the property of one owner or company to be distributed along the ledge, with intermediate claims owned and worked by other parties.

For the purpose of opening and working such quartz ledges, shafts are sunk at convenient intervals, usually following the dip or course of the vein, and drifts or adits are run horizontally along the ledge, connecting the shafts and exposing the ore, which is loosened by picks, bars and blasting, conveyed in cars to the shafts and raised by steam power to the surface. The same power also works the pumps and keeps the mine free from water, which, otherwise, would entirely prevent the prosecution of the work. Usually three "shifts" of men are employed, working eight hours each, and so keeping the pumps and picks constantly in motion. Upon the Whitlatch Union mine there are eighteen such incline shafts, averaging 250 feet in depth, the deepest one having reached 325 feet. All these shafts are connected by drifts, usually at two or more levels, so that a person can walk underground, along the vein, more than 1,800 feet. The extension of the Whitlatch Union, known as the Park mine, has eleven shafts of various depths, is thoroughly prospected, though not to the same extent as the other, and the present production is large and increasing. In these two locations or mines, Mr. WHITLATCH owns, as his individual property, over 2,000 feet, or ten claims—quite sufficient for the support of an economical unmarried man, it would seem, any one claim of 200 feet, properly worked, with adequate machinery, being able to pay good dividends on the well-watered stock of a Wall-street Company. The sinking of such shafts is expensive and tedious, the rock being so hard as to require constant blasting; but they often nearly or quite "pay their way," and sometimes yield a handsome profit, from the ores taken out as the work progresses.

From the mine the ore is taken to the mill, where by the use of heavy iron weights called "stamps," which are rapidly raised by steam and allowed to fall upon it, it is speedily crushed or reduced almost to an impalpable powder, in which state it is placed in tubs or pans, mixed with quicksilver, and rapidly stirred, by which process the gold is separated from the quartz and "taken up" by the quicksilver, to which it has "an affinity," and with which it readily unites. The mass thus formed is called "amalgam," and requires the services of an assayer, by whom the gold is freed from the clutch of the quicksilver, which is itself liberated for further use.

Of course, expensive machinery is required both for mining and working such ores, but the supply is abundant and permanent, and the profits great. The entire expense of mining and milling, after the mine is well opened and proper machinery in use, is less than $10 currency per ton, while the average yield of the ore from these claims, thus far, has been $31 10.

The mines in this district are only more productive than many others in the Territory because they have been more extensively opened and proved. Instead of rushing to New-York or San Francisco to sell, as soon as discovered and located, the owners have devoted their personal attention and means to their development, and only after abundant proof of its value, have any of the claims been sold, while most of them are owned and worked, for personal profit, by Mr. WHITLATCH and other permanent residents of Montana. And here I may speak a word of caution to any at the East who may be tempted to engage in mining. Unless you are prepared to "take a hand" personally, or by an experienced and tried agent, in "prospecting" and proving, it will be time enough to pay your money after you have good evidence that the mine offered you has been developed, and that its value is known. Don't place too much reliance on the statements of interested parties, nor rely too much on the glowing and golden descriptions given by irresponsible newspaper correspondents, who, I am sorry to say, are sometimes suspected of writing to order and for pay. Go into mining as you would into any other legitimate business, on business principles; purchase your mines as you would a farm, after careful inspection personally, or by a reliable expert, and then manage it yourself or secure a better man; then you need not fear a failure nor be disappointed in reference to the extent of your profits. The causes of the most of the failures of mining enterprises may be shrewdly guessed at from a consideration of these suggestions.

Helena is called a "city," as it was the day the first stake was stuck, and before a house or shanty was erected. It has now a permanent population of about 7,000, but it has no municipal government or incorporation, the laws being administered and executed by township justices of the Peace and Justices, assisted by a volunteer local Police of private citizens who are supported by the contributions of citizens, and, by common consent, exercise the authority of legally-chosen officers. Crime is not common, and order and quiet are generally maintained, though the disposition to settle disputes by the fistic has been imported from the sunny and chivalrous South. This is to be the permanent capital of the Territory and future State, and probably its chief commercial and mining city. It supports three daily papers, has comfortable hotels, and is supplied with all the necessities and as many of the luxuries of life as one would have a right to look for in so new a country.

In politics, the Territory is overwhelmingly Democratic; but there is a well-organized and vigorous Republican Party, which has two efficient and influential daily newspaper organs in this city. Just now the Republicans are somewhat exercised in relation to the Territorial Governorship under the new National Administration, the party here being a unit in favor of the appointment of Col. WILBUR F. SANDERS, a lawyer of great ability, who has become familiar with the wants of the Territory, and fully identified with its interests by a residence here for the past five years. The Colonel is the leading Republican of the Territory, and was the Republican candidate for delegate in Congress at the last election. The claim seems not unreasonable that such a man should receive the appointment in preference to an Eastern politician or adventurer, who has no interest in the Territory, knows nothing of its wants, and asks the appointment only as a reward for partisan services rendered elsewhere.

MALCOLM.

WASHERWOMEN.

How They Work and How They Live—What They Earn—Their Landlords and Their Non-paying Customers.

When a man who has never been taught a trade, and who has no familiarity with any tools of more complicated construction than the hod or the shovel, looks in the City for work to keep the wolf from the door, he has, notwithstanding his ignorance of labor-saving tools, machines and contrivances, a choice of several ways in which to earn his bread. There are for him the hoe, the shovel, and the broom in the Street Cleaning Department; (this is not sarkasm;) there are the pick, the crow-bar and the shovel again, of the common laborer, thousands of whom are constantly employed in work in digging cellars, opening streets, improving the public parks; there are also the rake and the wheelbarrow of those scores of sub-deputy, assistant under-gardeners employed in the parks, cemeteries and private gardens, clearing away fallen leaves or upturned stones, and all the other rubbish that constantly accumulates in such places; he can take his cotton-hook and find plenty to do along the wharves, or on the ships, or in the storehouses along the docks; even with his bare hands the unskilled male laborer can make a market for his strength and muscle, if willingness and industry are also thrown into the bargain. Where there are hundreds of vessels being loaded and unloaded, hundreds of buildings being put up, and similar heavy jobs being done, there are always huge ropes to pull, heavy beams of wood and blocks of stone to move, and plenty of other rough labor to be performed, which can be better done by human hands working under the direction of human brain, than by any sort of machinery yet invented. For many of these sorts of work, fitting and adjusting heavy beams and blocks, &c., require in the moving power just such a degree of intelligence as shall suffice to comprehend and instantly obey a word of command, and therefore human labor must be employed, though, so far as the mere strength is concerned, the iron thews and brazen muscles of the steam engine would better serve than those of a thousand men. Hence it appears, that a man with but his strength to depend on, untrained to any trade or profession, can use that strength in any one of a dozen ways to put bread and meat into his mouth.

When, however, a woman is left in the deplorable strait of having to earn her own living by the labor of her hands, if those hands know not the use of the needle or the knitting-pins, or other feminine implements, they must per force supply themselves at the washtub and with the scrubbing-brush. There seems really little or no demand for the unskilled labor of women save in these two ways; she must either wash or scrub. To be sure, there are certain other employments wherein females engage, which require no teaching to learn, and demand the exertion of little or no skill in being learned; among these are picking and sorting rags, gathering bones, &c., but on close examination it will be found that these elegant employments are almost monopolized by a few foreigners, who so rigorously exclude newcomers therefrom that these ways cannot be said to be open to the free competition of that great army of women who must earn their bread by the simple industry of their unskilled hands.

Of course, if a woman of this ignorant, poor class is a capitalist, she will have her ambitions, dependent for its direction on the amount of said capital, and also more especially on the nationality of the individual. If she be from the Emerald Isle, and the amount of money she can spare for investment in business amounts to, say $8 50, she will, of course, appropriate the best part of the sidewalk on the corner of a convenient street, and go into the apple and peanut business. This curious inclination of the female Americo-Hibernian to go into trade, has never been satisfactorily accounted for. But then, the Irishman who can command money enough to purchase a cart will go into the rag and bottle business, just as certainly as the Irishwoman will, under similar conditions, gravitate to the candy and fruit trade aforementioned; and when the man can achieve a broken-down old horse to drag his cart, he mounts the seat thereof, and drives his steed with all the pride of a Roman charioteer. In either of these cases, it is almost superfluous to add, should fortune crown their venture and comparative wealth result, the avails are invested in the renting of some basement or cellar, wherefrom "potcen" and other necessaries of life may be dispensed to the patrons of the newly-established "grocery."

To return, however, to the proper course of our remarks: We wished to show that, in nine cases out of ten, the woman of no education, compelled to put her unskilled labor into the market for sale, adds another one to the noble army of washers and scrubbers. To be sure, a certain sort of skill is necessary to the proper washing of shirts and cleaning of windows; but it is of a style very speedily acquired, and is also of that sort which may be learned in a very few lessons, "without a master;" and, indeed, we may say there can scarcely be named a calling which does not admit of various degrees of proficiency. One shoveler of coal will brag of superior neatness of his work; and the boys who make a pretence of keeping the crossings clean, and a business of begging for pennies, will talk of the artistic skill necessary to properly sweep round the base of a hydrant or the bottom of a lamp-post.

In the large hotels the washing, both of the bed and table linen, and of personal apparel, is accomplished for the most part by means of proper machinery, the steam engine doing the bulk of the hard work, and also providing the heat for drying out the surplus water. There are also large establishments fitted up as public laundries, wherein are also found all proper appliances for securing economy of labor and neatness of results, and wherein work is done for any and all customers at fixed and reasonable prices. Every private house, built and fitted with all the "modern conveniences," has its stationary tubs, its proper arrangements of hot and cold water, its drying rooms, &c., for the accomplishment of the family washing.

But the ordinary "washerwoman" has none of these conveniences. That hard-worked female who haunts boarding-houses to secure the inestimable privilege of "doing the gentlemen's washing"—who carries off at twilight huge bundles of soiled linen under that inevitable no-colored shawl, and in lieu thereof returns in a day or two thereafter, starch-smelling packages neatly covered with a white handkerchief, with its four corners pinned together—this professional lady knows nothing of steam pipes, patent wringers and mangles. The wash-tub, the copper boiler, the pine table and the flat-iron are the only machinery she employs, beside the strength of her own particular hands and the grease of her own elbows. A recent visit to a tenement-house in Twenty-sixth-street, or rather to a block of tenement-houses, inhabited, by many washer-women, gave opportunity for the collection of the following facts: The row consists of ten houses, built and owned by one man, and arranged with all the modern discoveries for packing the greatest number of people into the smallest space. Five of these houses are in front and five in the rear, a narrow and indescribably filthy courtyard separating the five fronting the street from the others. They are all built on the same plan, and are filled with families as follows: On each basement floor are two, and on each other floor two, giving eight families to each house, or eighty families in this one little nest which pay rent to one landlord. The houses are but three stories high, having been put up a number of years ago, before builders had acquired the habit of making the most possible of their sky-room by carrying their structures to a height of eight or nine stories. It so happens that there are a great many unmarried men employed or boarding in the neighborhood, and therefore the percentage of washerwomen is unusually large. To show something of the struggle, made by these persons for a living, we give the substance of the stories of a dozen or more of them visited in the course of a morning.

The "suites" of rooms are so arranged that each family has one room for a living and working room, and a small bedroom connecting therewith. This latter room was formerly dark and entirely unventilated, until the Board of Health recently compelled the landlord to cut a small window from each into the hall. The rents for these apartments are as follows: In the front house, basement, per month, $7; first floor, $8; second floor, $8 50; third floor, $7 50—the rooms in the back and of the hall are half a dollar less per month on each story. In the rear houses the rents are about half a dollar less per room than in the front ones, and for this reason this class of tenants, to whom the merest trifle of money is an object, almost invariably seek the rear houses, which are always filled first.

The rent is invariably paid in advance to either the landlord in person, or to his agent, who, like the "grubber, Pancks," in *Little Dorrit*, makes his visits to this "Bleeding-Heart Yard" at the first of every month with the greatest punctuality. This advance payment is imperative. One of our informants, a soldier's widow, said that after living in one room in Thirty-third-street for three years and paying her money always in advance, sickness overtook her, and one month she was compelled to ask for indulgence. The answer was that if the money was not ready the next morning her things would be pitched into the street. The woman pawned, by the good offices of a neighbor, for she could not go out herself, her tube and irons, and got the money. On another occasion the same landlord set into the street the furniture of a woman with four children, who was two days behind with her rent; a storm came on, and every stick of her few things would have been ruined had not her poor neighbors taken them into their already-crowded rooms, and out of their scanty means provided also for the mother and the four children until she somewhat recovered and could provide for them herself.

The landlord has another terrible advantage. Suppose that, the very day after he has pocketed his advance rent for a month, his house should burn, he will not repay to his tenants a solitary dollar of their money, although of course he honestly owes to each of them either the money she has prepaid or a month's shelter. To one of our informants this very thing happened. She lived in a house in Reade-street, which was so damaged by fire and water ten days after the first of the month, that all the tenants had to vacate, and the landlord would not repay a penny of their hard-earned money.

The testimony is universal among poor people, that the Irish are the worst and most heartless landlords to their own people; from an American they may, in case of trouble, have some hope of leniency, but an Irish landlord's heart is stone.

The poor pittance received by the washerwoman for her heavy drudgery, or by the house-cleaner for her scrubbing and cleaning, is so wretchedly small that it seems a great shame that it should not be always paid the instant it is earned. Yet, on this point again is the testimony unanimous—their greatest suffering is not from lack of work, but from that want of consideration on the part of wealthy people who employ them, and then, not knowing or not remembering that the money which is a trifle to them is all that the laborer has to depend on, say carelessly, "Oh, I haven't got the change now—you can call to-morrow." The poor, weary drudge dares not complain for fear of losing, not, perhaps, the money already earned, but the chance of earning more in that house, and she turns away hungry and heart-sick. To be sure the woman herself gets her day's food in the house where she does a day's work, but in nine out of ten cases she has children or old people at home, who need the comforts the day's money should purchase. One poor woman said that in the house of a certain rich lady for whom she had worked several years, she always puts in her pocket part of her own dinner, that she may be certain of having something to carry to the "childher" at night; being never certain that this careless lady will "have the change," or, in fact, will think of her at all. Little does the man who complains of the "blue Monday," with its washing-day steam and discomfort, know of the wretched life of the woman who occasionally is called in to do his house-cleaning; how she lives in a perpetual atmosphere of slop and suds and soap; how faithfully she toils for those dependent on her, and often how she so much really needs the scanty sum she earns in his eminently-respectable house, that her poor heart throbs with as great anxiety lest her ten shillings be not promptly paid, as did ever his for a hoped-for rise in Erie.

There can be but one thing worse than delaying unreasonably and in pure carelessness the pay of these toiling women, and that is, never to pay them at all; this fact is, however, so well known and universally acknowledged that it ever has been, and doubtless ever will be, to accuse a man of the depth of all meanness, to say of him that he would even cheat his washerwoman.

STEAMBOAT EXPLOSIONS.

Cause of the Explosion of the Gilde—The Valves and Steam Gauges Tampered With.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* publishes a copy of the report recently forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury by Major WILLIAM ROGERS, Supervising Inspector of Steamers for that district, relative to the explosion of the boilers of the steamer *Gilde* on the morning of the 13th of January last, whereby fifteen persons lost their lives, including the two engineers. The Inspector says that everything about the boilers of this boat appeared to be in a safe working condition on the 7th of August last, when the boilers were officially inspected; and that he is informed by the local Inspector that the engineer of the boat reported everything in a safe condition but a few days before the disaster. In conclusion he says:

It is a very disagreeable duty to be obliged to censure the conduct of those who, by their own temerity, have lost their lives; but our duty to the public, and as a warning to other engineers in like circumstances, we are obliged to do it. The evidence in this case appears to be conclusive that *the engineers were on the practice of tampering with the Government and other valves* after leaving port, so as to be able to carry a much higher pressure than was allowed by the Inspector's certificate. It is in evidence that *this course was pursued at least three months* prior to the explosion. The sworn statement of the watchman and one of the firemen proves this. The watchman states that about 11:30 P. M. a leak was reported to be in one of the boilers, and that the engineer on watch reduced the pressure in consequence to 120 pounds—it being at 145 at the time. The watchman also states that about 12, midnight, the "doctor" was repaired (packed)—the engines running at full speed during the time; and that he did not notice the engineer, who came on watch at or near 12 o'clock, try his water from that time till the explosion took place. Taking these two last statements of the watchman into consideration, would indicate low water in the boilers, which may have been the case, and helped to produce the explosion—the boilers being already weakened by previous over-pressure.

The dying words of one of the engineers, "that he hoped God would forgive him for what he had done," clearly indicates that he knew something was wrong with the boilers, for which he considered himself responsible. That something was wrong with the boilers is known *conclusively* by a fireman who left the boat two days previous to the explosion, because, as he said, "I left the boat because I got afraid of her." The fireman states that he assisted by direction of the engineer—in tampering with the valves, and that it was the practice to do so on every trip after leaving port; that the engineers carried 140 pounds, according to their gauge. These gauges are very apt to be wrong, and when the Stopher would tamper with the valves, he would also be likely to do so with the steam gauge, so as to make them show less pressure than there really was.

There is evidence which would go to show that other persons besides the engineer and firemen were cognizant of these unlawful practices, and encouraged the same. Circumstances, however, render it impossible for us to use this evidence in a manner that would be of benefit to the service.

In conclusion, we believe that it is clearly shown that the boilers of the *Gilde* exploded in consequence of being weakened by previous over-pressure, with, perhaps the assistance of low water at the time; and that, in this case, the law had no remedy, the responsible parties having paid the penalty of their just sins with their lives.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM ROGERS,
Supervising Inspector.

A POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Abstract of a Proposed Bill to Establish Such a System.

The Philadelphia *Press* gives the subjoined abstract of a bill which, it says, will soon be brought before Congress, to establish a postal telegraph system, and to incorporate a United States postal telegraph company:

Sections 1 and 2 authorize the Postmaster-General to establish a postal telegraph system, with provisions:

First—For the establishment of postal telegraph offices in every city and village of 4,000 inhabitants and over, at the postal of each State, at railroad stations, and at such other places on the lines of the wires as the business may require.

Second—The transmission of messages by stamps and their receipt at every postal telegraph office, post office, sub-office and street letter-box.

Third—The transmission of messages by telegraph between postal telegraph offices by contract with a telegraph company.

Fourth—The special and immediate free delivery of every message by carriers, within the limits of free delivery, or within one mile of every postal telegraph office where there is no free delivery, and the delivery at special rates beyond such limits.

Fifth—The free transmission by mail when received at or destined to any place not a telegraph office.

Sixth—The transmission by telegraph of money orders, for the repetition of messages and other special messages.

Seventh—The forwarding of the originals and all copies of messages not delivered to the dead letter office.

Eighth—Authorizing the Postmaster to make such other provisions as are required to perfect the system.

The third section requires the Postmaster-General to receive bids from any telegraph company for the transmission of messages according to the provisions of the act.

The bill to contain provisions for the construction of the lines required, and their connection with every office established on the lines by the Postmaster-General, and for the rates for the transmission of the following classes of messages for each and every 500 miles or fractional part thereof:

First—Messages of twenty words, including date, address and signature.

Second—Similar messages when transmitted by night.

Third—Local messages to be transmitted between postal telegraph offices where the distance does not exceed six miles; provided, however, that no bid shall be received in which the rate for a message of twenty words exceeds twenty cents for each five hundred miles.

Fourth—Single messages of not less than five hundred words, and daily messages of an average length of not less than five hundred words, at the rate of one year, when transmitted between the hours of 6 P. M. and 7 A. M., and when transmitted between the hours of 7 A. M. and 6 P. M.

Fifth—Messages to be transmitted for railroad companies relating exclusively to the business of such company.

Sixth—Press messages when transmitted by night and when by day, rates not to exceed five mills a mile by night and seven and one-half by day, and $20 a mile for the exclusive yearly use of a wire by night.

The lowest rates for the exclusive use of one or more wires for a term of not less than three months, and for the leasing of lines by the year.

Section 4 authorizes the Postmaster-General to make a contract in accordance with the provisions of the act for a term of ten years.

Such contracts to contain provision for the transmission of messages between the postal telegraph offices, and for providing the necessary lines and equipments for the testing of the lines from time to time.

For the construction of new lines, and the addition of new wires, as the business of the country requires. Provision for the construction of postal lines and wires by the Postmaster-General, at the expense of the Company, if they shall fail to construct and repair them. The cost to be deducted from the sums in his hands due it.

Agreement to furnish room at the postal telegraph offices for the employes and instruments of the Company.

For monthly payment of the amount due the company.

That the rates shall be reduced by the Postmaster-General from time to time, provided the profits of the Company are not thereby reduced below ten per cent. on a cost of $200 for each mile of wire.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The disturbances in Andalusia in consequence of the conscription are reported as quelled, and that part of the country tranquil.

Mr. GLADSTONE's Irish Church disestablishment bill will come up for debate in the British House of Commons on Friday. Sir JOHN GRAY, member from Kilkenny, regarded the Established Church in Ireland as a badge of conquest. Mr. JOHN BRIGHT, on gaining the floor, delivered a long and able address in favor of the measure. He said the Established English Church has the assent of a majority, but in Ireland it was quite different. He considered the opponents to the bill had utterly failed to prove that the opinion of the civilized world was hostile to the bill, as they had claimed.

CUBA.

The baggage of the political prisoners condemned to imprisonment at Fernando Po, was went on board the steamer yesterday at Havana, and the expedition is announced to sail to-day positively.

A skirmish occurred recently at Villa Clara, when the insurgent leader, MOYA, was captured, and subsequently shot. A steamer arrived at Havana yesterday from Spain with one thousand additional troops.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a memorial relative to the dangerous condition of the lighthouse at Atlantic City, N. J., was presented. Certain petitions to remove political disabilities were introduced and referred. Several minor bills and resolutions were either introduced or called up, the most important being to reduce the ocean postage and to improve the navigation of the Delaware. The expiration of the morning hour brought up the bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act as unfinished business. Mr. VICKERS made an argument in support of this bill, and Mr. THAYER made a modification in his resolution relative to the report of appointments to be made by the President. A protracted debate ensued on the proposed measure, but, as on former days, the vote was postponed by Executive Session, and cannot be had until Monday or Tuesday.

GENERAL.

The express train going West on the Great Western Railway, ran off the track yesterday near Beachville, Canada. The sleeping car was precipitated over a twelve-foot embankment, and several persons were injured, one being in a critical condition. The wounded were removed to London and properly cared for.

The Washington *Star* says that the petition sent there in favor of CHARLES S. SPENCER for United States Attorney for the Southern District of New-York is signed by about one thousand—judges, lawyers and others, embodies about fifty pages of names and is handsomely bound in Turkey morocco.

The Common Council of Boston has voted the sum of $7,379,324 to pay the current expenses of the city and country for the next financial year.

A Chicago paper says that Major ALEXANDER M. CRAWFORD arrived in St. Louis on Thursday from Fort Craig, New-Mexico, and reported to General RICHOLS that General CUSTER was corralled by Santanta, Little Raven and Lone Wolf, between Forts Cobb and Hays; that his men were nearly all dismounted, but he thought he would be able to fight his way through.

The bill for the consolidation of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad and the Hartford and Springfield Road failed to receive a third reading in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, on Friday.

On Thursday morning Mrs. JENNY ALSOP, living near Fort Wayne, Ind., while engaged in putting her house in order, in the absence of her husband and the other members of the household, accidentally discharged a loaded gun, the contents passing through her breast, causing instant death.

Mr. NIEMEIR, Treasurer of the St. Paul's German Evangelical Protestant Church in Cincinnati, has been arrested in Detroit, he having absconded with a large amount of the Church funds.

One HENRY M. BRAGG, a Bostonian, has been arrested in Hamilton, Canada, he having been accused of successful swindling and forgery. He is now on the way to Boston under guard.

An extensive fire occurred yesterday in the shoe and leather store of JAS. A. HALL, in Louisville, Ky., when a loss of $10,000 was sustained.

A resolution was introduced recently in the Arkansas Legislature, declaring the new Speaker of the House a non-resident of the State, and disqualified. The matter was referred to a committee. A resolution was also introduced declaring F. R. WRIGHT, Clerk of the House, to be guilty of malfeasance in office, and declaring the position vacant.

The St. Louis, Mo., City Council have granted to the Iron Mountain, North Missouri, and Pacific Railroad Companies the right to extend their tracks to the levee. As this will enable them to reach the elevator on the river bank, a greater impetus to the grain trade is anticipated.

Senator FESSENDEN's father, General SAMUEL FESSENDEN, died on Friday night, at Portland, Me., at the advanced age of 85 years.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in Rochester the flames originating in J. COFFEE's cigar factory, in rear of Masonic Hall. The losses amount to $20,000, only partially covered by insurance.

The Directors of the James Steam Mills held a meeting at Newburyport, on Thursday. The Committee chosen to audit the late Treasurer's books made a report that the books had been carefully examined and they showed a deficiency of $25,897 04.

Hon. WILLIAM T. HAMILTON, of Maryland, is rapidly recovering from his late serious illness, and, should no change for the worse occur, will soon be able to take his seat in the United States Senate.

Colonel RICHARD R. RICHARDSON, formerly of the Twenty-sixth New-York Regiment of Volunteers, died at his residence near Dunsville, N. Y., on Thursday last. Colonel RICHARDSON participated with his regiment in nearly all the great battles fought by the Army of the Potomac.

Three men of the crew of the ship *Taber*, which sailed from Baltimore to Yokohama, who mutinied when the ship was off Annapolis Roads, were brought to Baltimore on Friday, and are now in prison. Two of them are badly wounded by being shot by the mate when in revolt.

At Frederick, Md., a few days since, a colored man named GEORGE THURMAN was on trial for the murder of an unknown white man, whom he had killed while engaged to pilot him over the mountain. After the Judge had charged the jury, an insane man, even in the crowded room and solemnly proclaimed the innocence of the accused, and threatened, if he was found guilty, that the town should be destroyed. He was removed from the Court, and the jury retired. They shortly returned with a verdict of guilty, and THURMAN was sentenced to death.

Ex-President JOHNSON arrived yesterday at his home in Greeneville, Tenn., and, despite the ungeniteous weather, was warmly welcomed by his neighbors. In his reply to the addresses presented, Mr. JOHNSON alluded to the great contest he had waged in defence of constitutional rights, and declared himself not broken but bent by the tempest he had encountered. He announced an intention of remaining in private life for the present.

In the Michigan Assembly a day or two since, while the bill to organize the township of Colfax was pending its final passage, a motion was made to strike out Colfax and insert in lieu thereof "Boris." The motion, however, did not prevail.

Both Houses of the Georgia Legislature have adjourned *sine die*. In the Senate on Thursday a motion was made to reconsider the indefinite postponement of the Fifteenth Amendment, which being sustained, the amendment was put on its final passage and defeated by a vote of 30 to 13.

The trustees of Asbury University, Indiana, at their recent meeting, decided to contract immediately for a new college building to cost $100,000, the corner-stone of which is to be laid in June. It will contain a splendid chapel and two fine society-rooms, to be named after the persons who will give $10,000 and $5,000 respectively to their erection.

The Pensacola and Georgia Railroad and the Tallahassee Railroad were sold yesterday at public sale in Tallahassee, Fla. The first brought $1,220,000, and the other $155,000.

The contest in the South Carolina Legislature on the question of granting aid to certain railroads, was yesterday defeated. The General Assembly will adjourn on the 24th inst.

The State tax assessed in Maine for the ensuing year will amount to $1,120,000, or seven mills on the dollar of the present valuation. This is an increase of two mills over that of last year, and has been occasioned by providing for a sinking fund to liquidate the war debts that are to be assumed by the State.

SANFORD M. HODGES, a bank clerk at Northampton, Mass., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. His accounts were found to be correct, and the motive for the act is unknown.

In his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge HAGARTY, of Hamilton, Canada, referring to the killing of a British officer by a young man of that city, deprecated in strong terms the growing feeling that a man may waylay and murder any person whom he fancies may have wounded his honor. He said a return to the old practice of duelling would be far better than the toleration of such murders. He regretted that some of the journals had espoused the cause of the young man who had thus taken the life of another.

The Pennsylvania Senate has at last passed the bill to allow parties in interest to testify in all civil suits.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce have made an investigation into the subject of the Alaska Fur Trade, and have come out in favor of abolishing the existing restrictions against killing young and female seals. The Chamber has also prepared a bill to afford ample protection and at the same time open trade with American enterprise, and also favors the establishment of a Territorial Government over Alaska. Congress will be urged to speedy action in order that emigration may be encouraged.

Material changes have been made in the New-Jersey State militia law, which are now going into effect.

Yesterday morning a mass of rock and earth, weighing several thousand tons, fell from the hill in the rear of the new brewery of EBLING BROS., in Morrisania, crushing in the rear of the brewery and doing damage to the amount of $5,000.

About $1,500,000 has been remitted from Cuba to a private banker in this City, the interest on which is to be devoted to the sick and wounded of the patriot army.

The Erie Railroad Company, recoding from its purpose to do express business over its road, has renewed its contract with the old express company.

Our Prison System.

One of the most noteworthy parts of Governor HOFFMAN's inaugural message to the Legislature, was that which related to our prison system, and particularly to the discipline and the employment of prisoners. We took pains to call attention especially, at the time, to the Governor's proposition to set apart a small portion of the convict's earnings, while in prison, so as to furnish him with the means, at discharge, to begin life anew.

We now observe that an analogous suggestion, though different in form, is made by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction of the City of New-York, in the report to which we drew attention yesterday. The Commissioners note that, in what they call "the rare instance of the desire of amendment," there is no provision made whereby the discharged convict can earn an honest livelihood, except through the limited means of the Prison Association. And, in the absence of such a provision, men discharged from the Penitentiary are almost forced, certainly tempted, to resort to their old associates and their vicious courses for the very means of subsistence. Now, as the Prison Association expended, in 1867, for the relief of discharged prisoners throughout the State, only $1,837, the exceptional nature of this relief is almost too slight to take into account, considering the scores of thousands of convicts in prison every year.

We think the recommendation of the Commissioners that an appropriation be made by the Supervisors of New-York to the Prison Association for this specific purpose, namely, to be expended by them in their discretion on prisoners discharged from the Penitentiary, is worthy of much consideration. Broader in scope and more permanent, as well as more logical in its policy, is the proposition of Governor HOFFMAN that a certain small part of the prisoner's wages be reserved for delivery to him on the expiration of his term of sentence. It is very clear that, in this latter case, not only would the temptation and the despair which so often follow discharge be removed, but there would be incentive for exertion and for good conduct furnished in the prospect.

It is clear, at all events, that a fatal prison odor now hangs about the convict, be he never so well disposed. For the first few days, or weeks, or months, after discharge, he often finds no career open to him, save one connected with crime. The community is not to blame for regarding with distrust the newly-discharged convict; and yet it is difficult for him to live honestly if debarred of ordinary chances of living. If he have but the means to buy clothes, to go by rail or ship to some distant land, where he can begin life anew, if he have the wherewithal to live for awhile, till honest employment is secured, temptation is at least less strong for him.

But the truth is that, as the Commissioners say, our whole prison system is defective in having no higher aim than to secure the safety of the prisoner, and exact from him the maximum amount of work of which he is capable. If their idea be true, that the object of imprisonment is threefold—to segregate the offender from the society whose laws he has broken, to punish him for breaking them, and to reform him—we must then conclude, as they do, that "the third and most important part is rarely, if ever, attained or even attempted." It is rather, indeed, a subject of ridicule by most keepers of prisons. And, though perhaps it is a "hard saying," it is a true one, that "the reformation of a convict is, by this class of officials, deemed as absurd and impracticable as is the transmutation of the baser metals into gold by the man of science; and, under the present system of prison discipline, it may be regarded as impossible, for there is no incentive to good conduct, no reward is held out to the prisoner to excite the desire of amendment, or any effort made to bring up from the depths of his depravity and crime the germ of true manhood within him."

But we diverge into the broad subject of the reformatory province of prison discipline; and our purpose was rather to treat of the single question of the needs of the prisoner on discharge. It will be seen that the Commissioners note that same need for the City and the Penitentiary which Governor HOFFMAN has noted in general for the State and the prisons; and probably both classes of the proposed remedies for existing evils could be brought into play with advantage.

Fashionable Travel to Europe.

The noble army of tourists are beginning to leave for Europe at an unusually early period this year. The Cunard steamer of last Wednesday, and the French steamer *Perieres* yesterday, each carried an extraordinary number of passengers for the month of March, and travelers are briskly booking their names for succeeding trips. The fact is, that everybody who is able to afford a Summer journey is finding out that a voyage to Europe and travel on the Continent may be accomplished at about the same outlay as a sojourn for the season at our fashionable watering-places. We may, therefore, look hereafter for a great increase of transatlantic travel.

American Interests in Asia.

We are only beginning to get some idea of our commercial interests in Asia. Heretofore the foreign commerce of the Asiatic Continent, with its great empires of the Indies and China, has been in the control of Europeans, and especially of the English, who, by their territorial possessions and ports, have held the advantages that have given them an easy predominance. But the completion of our continental railroad, and the establishment of steam lines on the Pacific, have, by giving us means of speedy communication with the Asiatics, opened up prospects of commercial intercourse that are now felt to be possible of realization.

Our ideas on the subject have been quickened and expanded by the perusal of a pamphlet by Captain CESARE MORENO, which has just been published in this City. Captain MORENO has devoted the greater part of his life to traveling through the countries of the Asiatic Continent,—observing their geography, familiarizing himself with their institutions, examining their resources, studying their practical wants and necessities, and learning the best means of opening them up to commerce and modern civilization. From the Black Sea to the Yellow Sea, from Ceylon to the countries beyond the Himalaya Mountains, from Hong Kong and Shanghai to the regions in the interior of China, he has traversed kingdoms and provinces, visited capitals and seats of government, seaports and centres of trade, and has come to this country with a knowledge of the Asiatic Continent and its populous nations, at once vast and valuable. He believes it to be within the power of the American people to establish an immense commerce with the peoples of Asia, and he holds that it is only required that we should begin operations in the proper manner to establish interests that are profitable beyond calculation, and to advance the prosperity of all concerned.

More than a half of the entire human race live upon the Southern half of the Continent of Asia—China alone having a population of over 300,000,000, and the countries of the East Indies numbering over 250,000,000 souls. These swarming myriads have been treated by Europe mainly as material for conquest and plunder. The greater part of India is under English domination, while for half a century past English cupidity has been turned eagerly toward China, and there is no doubt that but for fortuitous circumstances, her lust of conquest would ere this time have carried her forward till the whole Chinese Empire was subjugated. Everywhere throughout Asia and in all the countries of the continent, the English are utterly hated; and the animosity against them is only less intense on the part of those who have thus far kept out of their grasp than it is on the part of those who are held under the yoke by that domineering race. This point is elaborated with great force in the pamphlet before us, and especially in the author vigorous and severe in interpreting the anti-English feelings of the peoples of the East Indies.

Captain MORENO also gives some notion of the extent and nature of the commercial relations that it is in our power to open up with the countries of Asia. The scope of our commerce there is beyond limit; its variety is beyond calculation; and its profitableness would assuredly be beyond anything that would now be considered credible. Give American enterprise a foothold in Asia, and it would not be long ere telegraphs and railroads would be extended over the surface of the country, connecting kingdoms and capitals, seaports and manufacturing cities, the coast and the interior. American steamers would ply on the rivers. American machinery and American inventions would be carried to all quarters, and would give new life to production and industry. American goods and all the products of American skill and energy, and all the works of American genius, and in course of time, all the aggressive force of American ideas would be introduced. The peoples of Asia would be vitalized; and those long held down by native tyrants and foreign usurpers would begin to feel the inspiration of an age whose dominant idea is human progress.

The subject is one of the highest importance to the American Government and people; and Captain MORENO's knowledge and enterprise and ideas ought in some way to be utilized for the advantage of American commerce with Asia, and for the establishment of those practical relations with the peoples of the Orient which must in the future assume a magnitude far beyond what is now conceived.

In a few months the Pacific Railroad will be finished, and we are all expecting that, in some way or other, it will be the means of opening up commercial intercourse with Asia. But what is being done to prepare the way for that expected commerce? What investigations have been made? What means of knowledge have been sought? What preparations have been begun? We are afraid there will be disappointment in this country if some steps are not speedily taken to find intelligent answers to these questions, and to act accordingly. It is only by a man like Captain MORENO, possessed of thorough knowledge through personal observation, that such questions can be answered, and his knowledge ought to be utilized without delay. The subject is worthy of the attention of Congress as well as President GRANT.

The Spanish Government and the Cortes.

It is to be hoped that Marshal SERRANO and General PRIM will lose no further time in announcing to the Cortes the name of their candidate for the Spanish Throne. The present state of affairs is in every way prejudicial to the interests of the nation. The majority in the Cortes is avowedly monarchical in its proclivities. The members of the Provisional Government have openly announced that they have not only agreed upon throwing their weight into the scale in behalf of a monarchy, but that they have settled in their own minds upon a monarch, and their influence is sufficiently great to make it probable that their nominee will command the suffrages of the entire Monarchical Party.

But as long as they withhold the name of their favored candidate they at once expose themselves to the charge of using their influence as a means of furthering their own private interests, and place the Cortes in a false and undignified position, while every day that elapses without any advance toward a settlement increases the danger of local disturbances and political troubles. It has been assumed throughout the later phases of the revolution that the supreme power, both with regard to the decision as to the form of government to be adopted, and the choice of a King, should monarchy be the form preferred, rested entirely with the Cortes. But at present they have to remain passive, while the Provisional Ministers take their measures in secret and at their leisure for advancing the interests of the candidate whose name they as yet refuse to reveal. They ignore the existence of the Republicans, and gain a day's march for their own *prestige* on all his rivals. Virtually, their action is a blow at the supremacy and independence of the Cortes.

It is difficult to understand what justification can exist for this reticence. Although the Committee on the Constitution has not yet brought its labors to a conclusion, yet from its composition—not a single Republican having been placed on it—their report in favor of a constitutional monarchy may be regarded as a certainty. There can be no reason why the name mysteriously withheld should not be at once announced to the Cortes. Already we hear of resistance to the conscription, caused in all probability by distrust of the Provisional Government, and the Carlists are preparing to take advantage of the prevailing uncertainty by organizing armed bands of guerillas in the mountains. A serious responsibility will rest upon the *ad interim* Government should disaster, either to the cause of Spanish freedom, or to the material interests of the country, arise out of the course it is pursuing.

Bridging the East River.

A new plan for bridging the East River is suggested by a correspondent who proposes that the connection of New-York and Kings County be made further up than is now contemplated. He believes that a bridge should be constructed from the high ground and solid rock foundations of Jones' Woods, across Blackwell's Island, at a height of more than one hundred feet to the Ravenswood shore, carrying the Long Island end of the structure back to the "Ridge." Neither span of such a bridge would exceed in length the Niagara Suspension Bridge, and there are a dozen points between Forty-sixth and Eightieth streets which might be selected. Nature has laid the lines for a work of this sort, and its completion would furnish the means of connecting by a drive the Central and Prospect Parks, besides opening by a pleasant route the Northern and Eastern portions of Brooklyn and adjoining populous towns to "up town" New-York, and affording a means of communication between the islands which would always be available. This suggestion is certainly entitled to consideration.

Cheap Ocean Postage.

Another step toward ocean penny-postage has been gained. The National Line, which dispatches steamers once a week each way between Liverpool and New-York, calling at Queenstown, offers to carry the British mails at the rate of one penny per ounce. The offer, however, has been rejected by the British postal authorities, on the ground that the steamships in question do not possess sufficient speed. It is true, we believe, that they do not generally make their passages within a couple of days or so of the average time taken by the boats of the more expensive lines, but one thing is now established—that a company with a fleet of steamers amply sufficient to insure regularity of departure, is not only willing but anxious to carry mail matter at half the rate generally understood in England as "penny postage," which is one penny per *half* ounce. Competition between different lines of steamers, and the pressure of popular demand on the postal authorities on both sides, will soon do the rest. The transportation of Government mails will always be eagerly coveted by every company at almost any remunerative rate, not so much for the sake of the actual freight as for the kind of semi-official guarantee of the safety and sea-going qualities of their vessels thereby implied.

The Peace of Europe.

NAPOLEON's pacific speeches have always been distrusted; not because he seems, or has proven, unusually belligerent, but because every one felt that his policy would be peace or war simply according to his own unscrupulous, selfish interests. But the King of Prussia, in opening the North-German Parliament not long since, made a peaceful speech which is based on good sound sense, and will therefore be trusted. It concluded thus:

"A nation which has proved that it possesses both the will and the power to respect the independence of foreign States, and to defend its own, is justified in trusting in the continuance of peace, in distrust which neither foreign Governments nor the intention nor the exercise of order the power."

That assurance of quiet contains the logic of facts, and is fairly credible.

Russia and Central Asia.

The Eastern question and its endless complications have naturally kept all Europe in a suspiciously watchful mood as regards the remarkable internal developments of the Russian Empire—her growth in intelligence, wealth, facility for transportation by new railways, compacting of peoples and frontiers, and all the signs of an earnest girding of the loins in preparation for great effort of some kind. And not only on the Black Sea and in the direction of Turkey and the Mediterranean have the Russian movements been jealously watched, but her advances along the eastern shore of the Caspian and into Turkistan and Bokhara have been looked at with much uneasiness by Great Britain, as being dangerous military approaches toward the northwestern boundary of her Indian Empire, and the line of the Hindoo Kosh, the great mountain bulwark of that boundary, has been sedulously guarded.

But a recent article in the Moscow *Gazette*, the official Russian journal, in treating of the late wars and military successes of Russian arms in Central Asia, and giving a great deal of information concerning Russian *trade* in Asia, opens up an entirely new view of the Czar's policy. It seems to be one not at all of military conquest or extending empire, but of new and profitable highways for commerce, made by treaty, by negotiation, by threats, by force, as became necessary. Trade, not glory, is Russia's ambition; and this apparent solution of her otherwise empty wars against the Khanates and Bokharians is well sustained by the treaties made with the conquered provinces, and indeed is well borne out by the immense increase of her trade in other directions during the past ten years. Her exports are constantly growing. Great Britain is her largest customer, and after her come Prussia and the other European and American States. Of those from whom she imports, Prussia stands first. During the past decade the value of her annual exports by way of the Baltic has increased about $8,000,000, while her Southern and Western exports have nearly doubled. In the year 1867 her trade amounted to nearly $370,000,000, (gold,) and this is a constantly increasing quantity.

But her immense Asiatic trade is something entirely aside from that, and while her long lines of Eastern connection with the Pacific, along the highway of the Amoor River, is in full tide of lucrative commerce, she is industriously plowing up new fields of trade with her sword in Central Asia. The table of exports into Turkistan shows an increase of from about two and a half millions in 1866 to over eight millions in 1867. The cotton goods, alone, sent into Turkistan in that year were between four and five millions of dollars. And, on the other hand, Russia imports cotton and various other kinds of raw material from those vast interior realms.

The trade of Central Asia, then, is the rather large plum which Russia is after, and there seems no reason why she should not get it. Wiser than England in India, she seeks not to possess but to use these great inlying territories, to make them tributary to her by the force of mutual interest, and, while simply protecting herself and her own interests, by arms if need be, to enforce no rule or policy save that of freedom of commerce—for herself.

There may not seem at first much glory or increase of national greatness in this, but it will certainly prepare Russia's way to wide influence and colossal power. Though it may excite England's envy, it need not arouse her jealousy or anger. Britain may safely keep India, the Peninsula: Russia will be content with Asia, the Continent.

Reform in Criminal Law.

The Philadelphia lawyers have a proverbial name for smartness, and one of the recent emanations from the Bar of that city contains evidence of a good sense that we wish might be emulated here. They forwarded a paper to the State Legislature strongly advocating a bill now pending, which provides that no person shall be disqualified from testifying in Court as a witness by reason of being a party to the case in question or interested in its result, except in actions by or against the representatives of deceased persons, operative in the City and County of Philadelphia. This is undoubtedly the ground of equity and common sense. As the law now stands, it is a relic of formalism, equaled only by that other law preventing any person from serving as a juror if he have formed any idea concerning the merits of a case to be tried, whether he is competent to form a candid opinion on the testimony or not. They are both old fogy notions, and ought to be swept away.

Inspecting Houses.

Dr. HARRIS, Superintendent of Sanitary matters, has undertaken to thoroughly inspect all the dwelling-houses in this City during the present year, with the object of reporting upon their fitness for human habitation. These houses are 54,000 in number, and the labor involved in a proper performance of so great a work is enormous.

In our opinion the Superintendent attempts too much. He would far better confine his efforts to the twenty thousand tenement-houses which most need visiting by the health authorities, and suggest reforms in them, instead of wasting his power upon the entire City. The good which has been accomplished by ejecting our cellar population might be materially enhanced by closing such of the tenement-houses which are notoriously unfitted for the purpose of accommodating their inmates.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The "absinthe question," which has for some time been agitating the French legislative mind with periodical puffs of prohibition and regulation, is up again. Two physicians have been experimenting upon guinea-pigs, with essence of wormwood (the chief element of absinthe) and pure alcohol. The former produced intoxication, epilepsy and death; the latter, merely intoxication, followed by heavy sleep. This will probably not scare the absinthe drinkers, but it is a very clear demonstration of its terrible effects on brain and nerve system.

We see it stated that "whoever fights a duel in California, sends or accepts a challenge, acts as a second, or otherwise assists, is disqualified from holding office or enjoying the right of suffrage." That is all very pretty for the statute book, and don't trouble the Californians either. They never fight duels, but, when occasion serves, fight each other, with no other "seconds" or "assistants" than may be found in the revolver carried in the belt. Thus the law and the code are both adequately cared for, with no conflict of authorities.

The vast surface of prairie land and plains between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean, including both sides of the Rocky Mountains, is, and must continue to be, comparatively valueless as a place for human habitation and development, until it get some clothing of forest, to catch and hold the fructifying rains, to enrich the soil, to shield from winds and snows, to modify the strange extremes of climate. There are more than one million four hundred thousand square miles of this plain-land. But an association in Nebraska have been experimenting in the artificial extension of forests, and have been so successful as to produce millions of trees, of almost every forest species. This is a branch of important and profitable labor that might well engage the attention of capitalists who are now putting their money into more questionable enterprises.

We were a little startled the other day, in footing up the scattered figures of a paragraph going the rounds, which gave the approximate circulation of the monthly magazines and some few of the weekly papers, to find that there are nearly 3,000,000 copies of these periodicals in issue. This makes no count of the numerous religious weeklies, the journals of specialties (scientific, &c.) the Sunday-school papers, of which there are an enormous number distributed, or any of the daily papers of the country, whose issues alone must run up largely into the millions. The periodical press of America is a tremendous educatory power, and ought to be as sedulously guarded from improper influences as our common schools.

The telegraph brings news that the civil war in Japan is at an end, and that the Mikado's Government is in good working order. The purpose of the Mikado is evidently to protect Japan by letting in the European ideas of material progress—that is, by getting great ships of war and commerce, making dock yards, erecting fortifications, and forming plans of revenue and finance, like the rest of the Great Powers. In this they are far more cosmopolite and forward than the Chinese. The Mikado has come down to the seaport of Yeddo, and the members of his Council have been feasting and exchanging courtesies with the Americans, the French and English, and other foreigners. There was some talk of sending a Japanese Embassy to Washington to greet the new President.

If we *are* to be forced into this velocipede fashion, we shall stipulate for a "rantoon," which goes on three wheels; and though not so fast as the bicycle, is certainly much safer at bottom—a fact which strongly recommends it. It has another advantage, which is, that it can be worked along with the hands as well as the legs—thus helping to strengthen the chest and benefit the lungs. The King of Italy has prohibited the perilous two-wheeled machine in Florence, his capital, where it frightened the horses and made some of the ladies ridiculous. What would His Majesty and the other Florentines say to the rantoon?

If our two old deadly enemies, carbonic acid gas and oil of vitriol, will be induced to "tak a thought an' mend," in such a way as to give us ice in Summer and more fresh beef at all seasons, we shall congratulate ourselves and the public. Professor LOWE shows that a certain fund of the gas, made with lime and vitriol, will do its ice-making and refrigerating work, over and over, without losing any of its power, the machinery being the main cost. The ship *William Tabor*, under his care, is about to go to Texas for beef, to supply the New-York market—a very interesting experiment which "comes home to our business and our—bosoms"—to say nothing of sparing the poor Texas cattle the trouble of making the journey on their own legs, and getting sick and diseased on the way.

Secretary BOBIE is the Van Tromp of the Naval Department—he sweeps the sea, so to speak, with a broom (new) at his masthead, and with the reality as well as the fear of change perplexes a great many of our ancient mariners, as well as those who, with a slight change, may be called *marines*. Order is Heaven's first law; and he means to enforce it with his rules for the rotations of service in various parts of the world, and the proper distinctions of that service, marking the lines of rank and so forth. Liberty and equality are good things in their way, but there might be too much of them on board a man-of-war.

Père HYACINTHE, the Carmelite friar, whose preaching has been the sensation and delight of the churchgoers of Paris during the past five years, seems to be putting his popularity to use by propounding rather advanced views of late. He announces now his belief that the Roman Catholic Church (which, as he vehemently asserts, does not prohibit the reading of the Bible,) has no claim to the gift of inspiration, that having been possessed since by the Jewish Church from Prophets to Apostles. He venerates the "Doctors" of the Church, but refuses to place them beside the "Book." Truly, the world still goes round.

We have had many complaints about the lonesomeness of public fiscal administration in America of late, but our huge war accounts were kept in very clean and handsome style. The English have been less fortunate in their little Abyssinian expedition. Mr. DISRAELI announced that the affair was to cost about four millions of pounds sterling—what the London *Daily News* calls "a most untraveraby guess, the moderation of which was chiefly intended to meet the taste of the British public for great glory at a small expense." But now it seems there has been required a supplementary vote of $2,500,000, making the sum total amount to $2,725,000. Even for this, the accounts are made from approximate estimates, and it would not be astonishing if they finally reached a good round ten millions—fifty millions of dollars in gold. The extra cost appears to have been incurred because, "although the campaign was not a long one, it might have been!" As in the *Alabama* affair, our British cousins are likely to pay largely for a very small gratification of feeling.

The outbreak at Sing Sing Prison has set many persons thinking in regard to the management of the institution. It is asserted that if the prisoners were treated with some sort of consideration—less like brute beasts and more like human beings—there would be fewer attempts at overpowering the guards and escaping confinement. One of the best minor alleviations of Prison life might be afforded by a well-selected library. The books now in use by the convicts are meagre in quantity, and are composed mainly of theological works of the driest description and a few old magazines. The prisoners have ample time to read after supper, and as the corridors remain lighted during the night, they might continue to do so until sleep should overcome them. As it is, time passes drearily and little mental or spiritual improvement takes place.

The man who escaped from an officer several weeks ago, on his way to the Tombs, by unlocking his handcuffs, is a notorious burglar, and chief of the "Bowery gang." Several indictments hang over him, (one being in Brooklyn, on which he was arrested just prior to his apprehension in this City, but he escaped from the Raymond-street Jail.) This ruffian is to be seen on the streets every day, and yet no attempt is made to send him to Sing Sing. Are the District-Attorney, Recorder HACKETT and Judge BENFORD already relaxing in their efforts to punish lawbreakers? Or is this particular case to be forgotten because the brother of the criminal is an employe in the County Register's office, and a strong political influence is brought to bear in shielding the offender from the penalty of his misdeeds?

To get his fire insurance, a sordid baker, MAX MULLER by name, about fifteen months since, burned up his house at the corner of Thirty-third-street and Second-avenue, so it is alleged, and roasted seven persons to death. MULLER narrowly escaped punishment at the command of Judge Lynch, and the proof against him was said to be overwhelming. What has become of this man? He has never been brought to trial. We beg to call the attention of District-Attorney GARVIN to the case, supposing that in view of his determination to perform the functions of his office thoroughly, he will see to it that justice is done.

The bonds of the Anglican Church seem loosening in many directions. Not only are innovations being introduced for which the Ritualists claim the authority of a special interpretation of the Liturgy, but laxities are creeping in and departures from the prescribed forms are more and more significant of a reaction from Authority toward Reason. The Lectionary is now under discussion. Ministers find many profitless repetitions of the same scripture on the same day, in Epistle, Gospel and Lessons, and, moreover, one distinguished clergyman writes:

"Every educated and candid person can understand that in a sacred literature of high antiquity there may be found passages, important in their historical connexion, which are not suitable for reading aloud to a mixed assembly."

And clergymen are cutting, and omitting, and and selecting to suit themselves. In short, so far as the Liturgy is concerned, revision or rebellion seems the inevitable alternative.

Good news for Tennessee glaziers is reported by telegraph. In Memphis a hail-storm has just occurred, so severe that "there is scarcely a pane of glass left in the city." It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

President GRANT is abused and ridiculed by the Democrats for his disposition to take care of his early friends who aided him when he needed assistance, to the exclusion of the men who spent money and efforts to elect him to the Presidency. What objection is there to this, if the early and devoted friends of the Ex-Captain are as competent to administer the offices as the later admirers of the prosperous General and Presidential candidate? No doubt, Colonel EASTON, who aided GRANT in his unsuccessful effort to get the office of County Surveyor of St. Louis, will make an excellent Assessor of the same county. Among others who united with Colonel EASTON in the effort to get the St. Louis Surveyorship for GRANT was General J. J. REYNOLDS. GRANT showed his appreciation of this officer lately by nominating him Brigadier-General of the regular army, and his name would have gone in with SHERMAN's and SHERIDAN's but for the fact that Congress suddenly reduced the army to REYNOLDS' exclusion. But who will say that it was gratitude to an old friend rather than appreciation of one of the best officers in the army that actuated the President? The country will have reason to rejoice to find such "old friends" of the President advanced to the places of trust and responsibility, to the exclusion of those with no other claim than that they spent money to secure his election.

Croton Aqueduct Board.

It was the intention of this Board on Aug. 6, 1868, to open proposals and award contracts to pave certain streets with the Nicolson Pavement, but on that day an injunction was issued forbidding the Board to make any awards, and at that time the whole matter was postponed for future consideration; last week, however, this injunction was dissolved, and yesterday the Board awarded to the Nicolson Pavement Company the contracts for paving the following streets with their pavement: Nineteenth-street, from Third to Sixth avenue at $4,806—time, 200 days; Irving-place, from Fourteenth-street to Twentieth-street, at $17,003 80—time, 150 days; Sixth-avenue, from Forty-second to Fifty-ninth-street, at $131,150 50—time, 81 days; Thirty-third-street, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue, at $15,139—time, 90 days; Twenty-fourth-street, from Broadway to Sixth-avenue, at $14,928—time, 90 days; Hall-place, from Sixth to Seventh-street, at $1,201—time, 20 days; Sixteenth-street, from Fourth-avenue to Rutherford-place, at $21,441—time, 120 days.

The Press and Secrets—Dinner at Delmonico's.

In a late conversation between sundry members of the Ladies' Club of this City entitled the *Sorosis*, and several members of the Press, it was decided to give a dinner at DELMONICO'S last night, at which the lady guests should pay for their tickets equally with the gentlemen, and likewise be called on to make speeches upon subjects previously presented them. Invitations were therefore sent out to many prominent and newspaper writers of this City, and the call was responded to by about 150 ladies and gentlemen, of more or less note, many of whom made terse and pithy speeches, abounding with wit, upon toasts decidedly original.

Yesterday afternoon Revenue officer ROBERT HUNT, of Supervisor DURCHMAN's office, seized about fifteen hogsheads of ale in various places in this City, on the ground that the usual revenue stamps had not been affixed to the barrels. The ale was brought to the Federal building in Chambers-street, where it was stored, preparatory to a suit for its condemnation.

FOREIGN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP UNION.

The steamship *Union*, which left Bremen March 6 and Southampton March 8, reached this port yesterday, bearing two days' later news than were at hand by the *Olbers*.

The London papers announced the death of Sir JAMES EMERSON-TENNENT, which took place suddenly on March 6. The deceased Baronet, who was 65 years of age, was a native of Belfast, a borough which he represented in Parliament for several years. In the second Government of Sir ROBERT PEEL he was Secretary to the India Board, and was afterward appointed Governor of Ceylon. In Lord DERBY's first Ministry he was Secretary of the Poor Law Board, a post which he subsequently vacated for that of Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade. This office he relinquished in 1867, and upon his retirement from public life he received a baronetcy. Sir JAMES, who was the author of many works of travel, history and natural science, is succeeded in the baronetcy by his only son, who is now in his thirty-fourth year.

The much-talked-of interview of four hours, granted by the Emperor NAPOLEON to the Prefect of the Seine, is said to have terminated by the Emperor uttering the following recommendation: "Assemble the members of your Municipal Council; let the members support you, and together continue the grand work for the completion of which you are certain of my approbation and support." Needless to remark that M. HAUSSMANN hastened to carry out the Emperor's commands.

The *Siècle* announces to M. EMILE OLLIVIER that he will have for competitor in the Third Circumscription of Paris, in presence of the electors to whom he has addressed his late volume, M. EMILE DURIER; and the same journal, after adding that the candidateship has been offered to the last-named gentleman by "a great number" of M. OLLIVIER's electors, ends thus: "We cordially hope that the electoral body will insure the triumph of M. DURIER. We should have had little doubt of the result yesterday, and we have still less to-day, after the publication of the work entitled *Le 19 Janvier*."

A suit was brought, March 7, at the Civil Tribunal of the Seine, by M. CREMIEUX DE MENDELSHEIM, a writer on the Press, against M. WITTERSHEIM, publisher of the *Journal Officiel*, to recover 3,000f. damages for the inconvenience to which he has been subjected by the late delivery of the Government organ, to which he had subscribed, and the bad paper on which it was printed, and which rendered it almost illegible. The defendant showed that the delay had been inevitable in consequence of the difficulties of a new organization; the paper he admitted had at first been indifferent, but he had since changed his supplier, and both causes of complaint were now remedied. The Court decided that the plaintiff had no claim for damages, and merely condemned WITTERSHEIM to the payment of costs.

As announced, the State funeral of LAMARTINE took place, March 4, at Saint-Point. Troops were under arms, and lined the road from the terminus to the Church of St. Vincent as early as 7 in the morning. The crowd was tremendous, and a seat in the church was not to be had, unless for those who had received special invitations. At the gates of the town of Saint-Point M. DE CHANOURDU, in the name of the family and friends, thanked the civil and military authorities for the homage they had paid to the illustrious dead. At the entrance of each village through which the *cortège* passed, deputations led by the clergy advanced to pay a last tribute of respect and affection to him who had been their compatriot and friend. The coffin was lowered into the vault long previously prepared by M. DE LAMARTINE himself, and laid next to his mother, his wife, his daughter, and his son, the latter having died in his childhood. The Academy was represented by JULES LANDRAU and EMILE AUGIER, and among the others present were EMILE OLLIVIER, M. DE LA PRADE, and ALEX. DUMAS, fils. The town of Macon has subscribed 5,000f. (£200) toward the monument to be erected to the memory of the poet.

As the *Siècle* M. TEXIER, one of LAMARTINE's oldest and staunchest friends, announces that the journal declines to receive subscriptions for a statue. The reason assigned is that when, ten years ago, the *Siècle* took the lead in a subscription to "restore the freedom of his genius" to the poet who left power poor, the public scarcely responded to the appeal, and the subscription was a decided failure. In those days, when such men as DE MORNY, HELLAULT and DUPIN have statues, the *Siècle* thinks LAMARTINE's memory may well be satisfied with the one which he himself chiseled in the rock of his native village. The *Siècle* will send a contribution to the Committee formed at Macon, but will not as a journal advocate the heaping of gold upon the coffin of a man whose wants the public did not think it worth while to supply in his lifetime. A notary who was for many years LAMARTINE's man of business, certifies in a public letter that to his certain knowledge LAMARTINE in the course of twenty years spent 200,000 francs in charity in the Department of the Saône-et-Loire.

Velocipedic, says a Paris correspondent, appear marvelously calculated to accelerate our transit into another and, we may hope, a better world. The venerable pastor and well known writer, MARTIN PASCHOUD, was walking to LAMARTINE's late residence at Passy, March 5, to inquire for the family, when he was run over and so severely injured by a velocipedist that he had to be carried into the villa. The Countess CRESSOT DE LAMARTINE sent for two doctors, who give little hopes of his recovery.

PIUS IX. has just raised to the dignity of *Cameriere segreto di Spada e Cappa* the Duke D'ACQUAVIVA. This much-coveted post is the most distinguished that can be accorded to a laic in the States of the Church. He who is invested with it becomes a "Prince of the palace; is considered as belonging to the Pope's family; his place at all great ceremonies is near the Holy Father; he becomes by right member of the Roman nobility, and has access to every part of the Vatican and Quirinal.

We learn that His Majesty King GEORGE V., of Hanover, has issued a fresh protest against the law lately passed by the Prussian Diet, for the confiscation of the private property of the Royal Guelphic dynasty. The tenor of this protest is a most dignified one, and takes no notice of the gross insults uttered by Count BISMARCK, in the course of the discussions of the Diet, against King GEORGE and his councillors. The protest, while setting forth the misstatements and misrepresentations on which the Prussian Minister has based his accusations against the King of Hanover, and refuting the aspersions thrown upon his acts, leaves the decision as to the justice of the cause of King GEORGE to all unprejudiced persons.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

The Policy of the United States in Regard to Cuba—Relations of England and America.

From the London Times, March 8.

Though President GRANT's inaugural proclamation may be said almost to confine itself to domestic topics, and avoid an express reference to any controversy or incident in the foreign relations of the Union, there is that in it which will inspire more confidence than any amount of amicable professions. There is a tone of good sense, moderation, and justice which will lead the world to hope that it may one day see these qualities in American diplomacy. General GRANT finds himself yielding at home to the lessons of a tremendous experience, and recognizing the necessity of those principles by which alone the greatest States, as well as the smallest, can prosper. It is a plain inference that the ambitious and far reaching Union must henceforth, if we are to believe, have a law of its own against its neighbors and *must discover a conscience not constituted by the general opinion and voice of mankind.*

At the very time when the United States continue to insist that no other country has a right to recognize what is passing within the Union, even though made to feel as well as to see it, they give us a sample of what they alone are privileged to do. On her own showing America could have no right even to recognize the war in the island of Cuba; but she is not content with recognizing. *She publishes her sympathy and promises her support to the insurrection.* The House of Representatives has authorized the President to recognize the independence of Cuba as soon as a *de facto* Government has been established. We, it seems, are not even to know what is going on within the territory of a neighbor. The United States may enter the ring, put its favorite combatant on the back, and pledge itself to give him every assistance at the fitting opportunity. In what respect *do the circumstances differ from those which had to deal with in 1861?* Is it a difference that the Americans have an interest of their own in the Cuba insurrection, and that we had none of our own in the American civil war? How, then, do they be right in doing as much as they can do, and we wrong in doing the very least we could do in the way of recognition? But the American Government has latterly unseconed itself in a position which leaves little hope in negotiation, and hardly affords the material for it. We are desired to consider this a question of fact. Was there a war between the Northern and Southern States, or was there not, at the time when the British Government recognized the alleged fact? It is affirmed by the British Government, dictated by the American. To the common sense, not only of England, but of all the world, Washington only excepted, a terrible and sanguinary war was raging; immense armaments were in progress for conducting it on a much larger scale; the Northern ports already embargoed, blockaded, and, while observing the rules and the amenities of Christian war. "No," say the Northerners, now the masters of the Union, "it was not a war; it was only a local rebellion," to which, as to the domestic squabbles of the next house, it was your duty to shut your eyes. It was no "concern of yours." Of course, however, the question is whether the state of things in America striking the attention of the whole world in 1861 was a mere riot, a disturbance, an outbreak, an insurrection, such as the queen tells us of somewhere or other almost daily, or was it a war? No impartial jury selected from the whole world of spectators could possibly give any other answer than that this was war. It was a war actually threatening the existence of that Union which a thousand tongues had just lately proclaimed to be sacred, indivisible, and destined to comprise all humanity. It was a war, on the allegations of the American writers themselves, of sufficient magnitude to raise the standard of those in the Old World who were zealous of the Union, and wished to see it destroyed, or weakened, or, at least, sought humility. It was a war clearly bringing upon us and other countries our full share of the evils usually inflicted by war on those who are concerned only by social or commercial relations. Nothing was wanting to the war except the *abstract statement of the American Government that there was no war.*

What is to be done when the issue is as to the fact? That is hard to say. We all know that when people would rather not be reconciled, and would prefer to keep up a quarrel open forever, they often, with more or less violence, produce the question to this precise issue. They differ as to the fact, they say, and there is no changing the fact which can only be as they apprehend it. A quarrel upon such a question can never come to an end, unless one party at least is prepared to confess itself at fault in the use of its own senses, and the victim of hallucination. Either England must confess that she was entirely mistaken in the current belief that there was a war in the United States in the year 1861, when she declared the fact, and instructed her own subjects how to conduct themselves under this emergency; or the United States will have to confess that there was war, and will have to retract their numerous protestations to the contrary. *As we are perfectly certain that no British statesman will ever so stultify and disgrace himself*, or will ever be such a hypocrite, is to make a public confession that there was not a war in the United States at the date in question, so also, we fear, there is not much probability that the United States will ever make the retraction required on their part. History must remain as they have ordered it to be written, and the fact must continue to be as they saw it with shut eyes and heard it with closed ears. Such a resolution is in conformity with the obstinacy and pride of the races which enter into the common composition of the two combatants; but we are bound to say that *both the Constitution of this country and the general course of public opinion are much more favorable to a wise reconsideration of inveterate prejudices than they appear to be in the United States.* It is impossible, however, not to feel something more than national character in the foregone determination to put the quarrel on an issue incapable of settlement. Are we unjust in suspecting that American politicians generally would prefer to perpetuate the little aversion which unhappily marked our earliest diplomatic relations? Is it not too evident that the most generous and candid Ministers at the head of American affairs will still have to conciliate at home those whose conciliation is only to be purchased at our expense? Why else should the question before us be put on an issue on which agreement is in the very nature of things impossible, and in which concession on our part would be simply disgraceful? We trust that General GRANT will be able to treat the subject not only with the good sense and moderation which are apparent throughout his inaugural address, but *with an authority which his predecessor did not possess.*

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

The usual Sunday concerts will be given this evening at the familiar halls. Mr. THEODORE THOMAS' orchestra will furnish the principal entertainment at Steinway's; and at Irving Hall the Mendelssohn Union—Mr. LEVY and Mme. JOHANSEN are upon the programme. There will be no Sunday entertainment at the Tammany. The experiment last week was not attended with flattering success, and probably will not be repeated. As soon as modern ingenuity can meet the emergency with a sacred ballet or a holy pantomime, Sunday entertainments are likely to be resumed at the Tammany.

Last evening Mr. EDWIN ADAMS appeared in "Narciss" for the last time at BOOTH's Theatre. The drama has been acted four times to fair audiences; indeed, the Adams night (Saturday) has been nearly as well attended as Mr. BOOTH's own evenings. Next Saturday "The Marble Heart" is to be produced for Mr. ADAMS.

The DAVENPORT Brothers are to give three more "seances" at Steinway Hall. They have appeared since Thursday last, supported by Mr. FAY and a numerous company of spirits, and have given the entertainment already familiar to every one who ever lent countenance to these plausible juggleries. The brothers have been some years in Europe, but the spirits of the Old World had, probably, nothing new to teach them in their peculiar line, since nothing novel in the rope-untying and banjo-tossing acts is presented in the present performance. Long practice has given smoothness and harmony to some of the incidental acts, but we would suggest that the particular "spirit" who is engaged to attend to the musical portion of the manifestations, be sent for a quarter-term or so, to one of the conservatories. People who have read about "the ghost of a tune," may hear one if they will listen to the DAVENPORTS' spirit-musicians' sepulchral evolutions upon some familiar melodies.

"Fowl Play" is again on the programme of New-York entertainments, and Chicken Hazard as a popular game is to be revived. The New-York State Poultry Show holds its first annual Exhibition next week in this City, at the Empire Skating Rink, in Third-avenue.

Miss KATE REYNOLDS is to appear but one week longer at the Broadway Theatre. She is to be succeeded on the following week by Mr. COULDOCK and his daughter, in the domestic drama of "Milky White."

Mr. BROUGHAM, it is stated, has been offered very inviting terms to go to California. A complimentary benefit is spoken of for him, to be given at the conclusion of his present season in New-York.

It seems strange, after hearing on so many occasions of Pike's Opera House as the "most perfect of theatres," to learn that Mr. TAYLEURE has had to construct in it, before he could begin his dramatic season there, "a green-room and sixteen new dressing-rooms." One feels curious to know what the opera artists did without those very necessary adjuncts. Each of the new apartments has been supplied, too, with hot and cold water, we learn, and the question naturally arises how did our harmonious friends perform their ablutions before this luxurious supply of Croton was thought of? or, didn't they ablute at all? Since the departure of opera bouffe from Pike's Opera House, Mr. GARIBALDI, the artist, has been at work upon some of the ceilings over the circles, in the auditorium, which he has filled with neat examples of his decorative art. The theatre, in its improved condition, is to be opened on Easter Monday. The scenery for the "Tempest" has been prepared by Mr. GETZ, of Baltimore, and the music by Mr. TISDELTON, who is to be the leader of the orchestra. Miss CATHERINE LUCZITZ is named as the *Ariel* of the cast, and the Moriacchi troupe is engaged for the ballets.

The FLORENCES begin their last week at Wood's Museum to-morrow evening. On the following Monday Mr. CATHCART and Miss MARRIOTT appear there. Miss MARRIOTT is to personate some of SHAKESPEARE's heroes during her engagement, *Hamlet* and *Romeo* among the number. We believe that Miss MARRIOTT's choice of male characters has nothing in common with the selection of such parts by ladies who would combine the attractions of the legitimate drama with those of the drama. The critic of the London *Times* explains that "she plays *Romeo* and *Hamlet* simply because she can play them well."

That unblushing garrotter, *Dick Turpin*, has acted a good many popular favorites by the throat within the last fortnight. Miss EFFINGER, ROSE-BELL, Miss GERMON, ELISE HOLT, Mlle. SANGALLI and the MINNIE LINGARD have all had the complaint of its high-handed outrages.

The BRYANTS close their season in seven weeks. Before going they are to produce JOHN BROUGHAM's burlesque of "Orpheus," written for them.

The San Francisco Minstrels, after May 1, will be sole occupants of the Ethiopian field again. They never give up, never get sick, and never complain of diminished business.

A flying traverse act by a young girl, Mlle. ROSE LOUELLE, is to be the prominent novelty at Tammany next week.

Mr. GRAU's troupe of opera bouffe artists are to appear in Buffalo on to-morrow evening.

Mr. E. L. DAVENPORT concluded a short engagement in Baltimore last evening.

LOTTA appears at the Boston Theatre on Monday, the 22d.

Miss KATE EVERSOLDE is engaged to open a new theatre in Detroit, Mich., on the 29th. It is called "The Opera House," and will seat 1,800 people. Mr. G. A. HOUGH is the manager. "London Assurance" is to be the opening play.

Miss CELIA LOGAN is in Washington, and contemplates a retirement from the stage.

Mr. HAYES, of the Olympic, returned from England on Thursday last, and is now in Boston.

The Theatrical business is said to be quite bad in the West. Not even the quietest entertainments pay. The WORRELL Sisters had large houses in St. Louis, we hear, while Mlle. JAUSCHNEK suffered. KELLY & LEON's Minstrels were announced for six nights, and only played two—nobody going to see them. The "Flash of Lightning," on three nights respectively, $72,$80, and $65. A different report of this play comes from Philadelphia, where the receipts during a five weeks' run averaged $700.

Foreign Notes.

In London there are said to be six theatres managed by ladies.

Mr. BATEMAN goes to England next Wednesday.

"The Home Wreck" which has lately been produced in London as a posthumous work of STERLING COYNE's, was written for Mr. LAWRENCE BARRETT by an American author, and given to Mr. COYNE (according to the prevailing English rule) to "prepare" for the English stage.

Mrs. JULIA BENNETT BARROW, some time absent in England, is about to return to New-York.

Mr. ROBERTSON has three pieces now "running" on the London stage, and Mr. WATTS PHILLIPS has three. The day of BOUCICAULT seems to be past. He has not one at present on the stage in the metropolis.

Testimonial-Benefit to Mr. J. Grau.

The following correspondence explains itself:

NEW-YORK, March 8, 1869.

Jacob Grau, Esq., Director of the Theatre Francais, New-York City:

DEAR SIR: We cannot permit the present theatrical season to close without some expression of our appreciation of your past efforts and present success in the management of the Theatre Francais.

You have presented to us the works of the most popular authors of the day with a lavish expense, hardly before known in this country. You have so altered the theatre at your own cost, as to render it one of the most elegant, comfortable, also one of the safest places of public amusement in the City. All these efforts are fully appreciated by the general public as they are by ourselves, and in view of this ungrudgingly expended zeal we tender you a testimonial in the substantial form of a benefit at such time as you may name, and we are, yours truly,

AUGUST BELMONT, Leonard Jerome, Hoffman, J. G. Bennett, Jr., W. Butler Duncan, Clarence Brown, E. Rigge, Henry Clews, Samuel L. M. Barlow, A. Oakey Hall, L. Delmonico, J. L. Abbott, Joseph Stickney, Leonard Dominick, Edward Sanford, De Lagrange, Chas. A. Dana, Dr. Alexander Mott, and many others.

NEW-YORK, March 10, 1869.

Messrs. Belmont, Hutton, Jerome and others:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very flattering favor of the 10th inst., tendering me a benefit as a testimonial of your appreciation of my efforts to secure for the Theatre Francais an unrivaled position among the theatres of New-York.

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for this expression of your satisfaction, and to assure you that it will always be my ambition to deserve your approbation.

Although it has been a rule with me never to accept benefits, I cannot in courtesy decline a compliment offered by the very liberal patrons of the Theatre Francais, and one which I shall ever think of as a most gratifying proof of good-will. I therefore, therefore, beg to name Easter Monday, March 29, as the date of the proposed testimonial, to take place at the Theatre Francais, on which occasion I shall have the honour to produce, for the first time in America, OFFENBACH's "La Vie Parisienne."

Believe me, gentlemen, to remain yours, most sincerely, J. GRAU.

Death of Guy R. Phelps, of Hartford.

The Hartford *Courant* yesterday announced the death of Dr. GUY R. PHELPS, President of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, at his residence in that city, on Thursday morning. Dr. PHELPS was born in Simsbury, Conn., in 1802, and was consequently nearly sixty-seven years of age. His ancestry dates far back. WILLIAM PHELPS, his ancestor of the fifth generation, having come in 1630 to this country, where he became the leader of the pioneer colony at Windsor. His grandfather, General NOAH PHELPS, was a volunteer under ETHAN ALLEN in the famous Ticonderoga expedition, and was the first to enter the fort in disguise and secure information preparatory to the attack. Dr. PHELPS graduated at the Yale Medical College in 1826, and in 1827 commenced the practice of medicine in the City of New-York; but after devoting two years to his profession was compelled, owing to ill health, to return to his native town. He was soon afterward forced to abandon all idea of practice, and, gathering his labors, and turned his attention to the subject of life insurance, which he studied with the view of simplifying it and rendering it more generally accessible to all classes of people. He submitted his plan to some of the leading scientific and mercantile friends, and the result was the chartering, in 1846, of the company of which he died the honored President, after a most faithful, energetic and untiring devotion to its interests for twenty-three years. Dr. PHELPS leaves a wife and one child—a daughter. He has four brothers living and two sisters. He had policies of insurance upon his life to the amount of $30,000, $15,000 of which is in the Connecticut Mutual office, and $5,000 in the Mutual Benefit of New-Jersey. For several years Dr. PHELPS has been Pension Agent for the Government in Hartford.

CUBA.

Operations of the Relief Committees in this City.

The public generally have no adequate idea as to the extent of movements now on foot in this and other cities of the United States to obtain material aid in behalf of the Cuban struggle for liberty. Thus far the efforts in progress have been almost exclusively confined to the many resident Cubans and those who have recently sought a temporary asylum from their oppressors under the shelter of the American Government.

Yesterday, however, there was issued "an appeal to the friends of humanity, by the patriotic Cuban ladies of New-York," which is intended to be sent to the pastor of every church in the land. It is as follows:

Reverend and Dear Sir:

The undersigned young congregation is respectfully and earnestly called to the great patriotic struggle now going on in Cuba, our native land. Our Heavenly Father, who hears and pities the cry of the oppressed, has not yet decided the fate of our people, but has inspired them with courage, unanimity and determination to ameliorate their present intolerable condition, or perish in the attempt. We appeal to this congregation, as to all Christian people in this favored land, for their sympathies and fervent prayers, that the God of Hosts, who helped your fathers to break the chains of foreign oppression, and blessed you, their children, with all goodly land for an heritage—at once the envy and admiration of the world—may so, in like manner, sustain and uphold our brethren, now in the struggle, in their present heroic struggle, sacrifices and suffering, that they, too, may triumph, both morally and materially, over the cruel tyranny, wrongs and outrages of the past and of the present; and that by the aid of God, and with the full and complete establishment of true religious freedom, civil, social and political, throughout the island of Cuba, then shall the bond be free, indeed; and all alike, the rich and poor, the lofty and the lowly, without distinction of race, color, or previous social condition, shall enjoy the protection and the blessings of equal rights and laws, and the order, peace and prosperity which will smile benignly upon our dear native isle, and its children will rise up and call you blessed. Done by order of the Young Patriotic Cuban Ladies, this 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1869, and the first of the independence of Cuba. MRS. SOLEDAD E. DE CASTELLANOS, President.

MRS. MERCEDES DE SEGRERAS, Secretary.

Of the wrongs, oppression and sufferings above referred to, the public prints have already spoken. But of the heroic sacrifices and earnest efforts that have been and are being made, little has yet been published. At the moment there are in our midst a number of Cuban refugees who have escaped—some of them after much hardship and almost death—from their homes in the "beautiful isle of the sea," with nothing of the wealth which they once possessed. Some of these, together with resident natives, have contributed their jewels, plate and other valuables in lieu of money. Various other individuals, also, have given very liberally from their private purses; one person alone gave $20,000, and contributions of all amounts, large and small, are pouring into the treasury. As has been already announced, an extensive organization is in operation in this City, known as "The Patriotic Cuban Junta," having its central offices in the Empire Building, on the corner of Broadway and Rector-street. Its officers are composed of some of the leading wealthy and influential Cubans of New-York, and the term of organization is very complete. Connected with it in this and various other cities, including New-Orleans, Baltimore and Philadelphia, are branch associations in full operation. The headquarters of the branch in this City are at No. 128 West Twenty-fifth-street, and it is known as "The Cuban Ladies' Patriotic Junta in New-York." This also has a sub-branch, or committee, whose rooms are at the St. Julien Hotel, on Washington-place. These ladies are doing a noble and enduring work in raising money and material for the aid and comfort of the sick and wounded of the patriot army, and answers about the same object as our "Ladies' Aid Societies" did to the Sanitary Commission during our late war. They have already received from various sources nearly $10,000. At the request of ardent sympathizers in Washington, a committee of ladies will proceed there to-morrow, and organize a local branch "Junta" at the Capital; other cities will also have branch "Juntas" in operation.

A large amount of money, probably not less than $1,500,000, has been sent from Cuba to private bankers in this City, who enjoy the confidence of the owners. The interest on these deposits is to be devoted to the "Junta" fund. It is also said that a large amount of valuable plate has safely arrived, and will be sold for the benefit of the same cause.

The entertainment given last evening at Irving Hall, under the management of the Young Patriotic de Cubanas, proved a gratifying and substantial success, netting about $2,500. Mr. DE CORDOVA, Mr. LEVY, Mr. HARRY ANDERSON, Mr. FUENSANTA MARTINEZ, Miss JULIA MOLINA, and others contributed their talents to the entertainment.

The sacred concert this evening, under the auspices of the Catholic Committee, (there are both Protestant and Catholic Cubans,) will probably net a not much smaller sum.

National Guard Matters in New-Jersey—The New Militia Law.

Considerable interest has been recently awakened in military matters in New-Jersey, in consequence of the passage by the Legislature now in session at Trenton of the act for the organization of the National Guard of that State, which became law on the 10th inst., upon receiving the approval of Governor RANDOLPH. It repeals all the vague and conflicting militia laws which have hitherto occupied places on the statute-book, and will enable New-Jersey to organize a National Guard which, if properly officered, should compare favorably with any similar troops elsewhere.

Under the provisions of the new act, the present uniformed companies of the active militia, together with the independent organization known as the Rifle Corps, will constitute the Division of the National Guard of the State; officers in commission without commands, are to be retired, and companies unable to retain a minimum of fifty-three, rank and file, will be disbanded; the term of service is seven years, and is made compulsory—discharges only to be granted in case of the physical disability of the guardsman, or his removal from the State. The sum of $600 is to be appropriated annually for each company, and the Major-General commanding the Division, the Quartermaster-General and Adjutant-General are constituted a Board, with authority to draw up a code of regulations for the government of the force in matters of general detail.

The Major-General to command the Division is to be appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Senate. But two candidates for the honor of commanding the Division have been mentioned thus far, Generals THEODORE E. BUNTON and GERSHOM MOTT. The former is a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician at Newark, and has been connected with the militia of the State for the past seventeen years, and recently was head of the Rifle Corps. He had the honor of commanding the first brigade of United States three months' Volunteers which took the field in 1861, but never having led them under fire is not considered a veteran, and is unpopular on that account. The friends of General GERSHOM MOTT, of Burlington, are working very hard to secure him the position. He has had considerable experience in the field, and commanded a brigade with distinction in the Army of the Potomac. He was known to be a rigid disciplinarian, and is believed to be free from the old Democratic bias for which his opponent is distinguished. He is also a Democrat, though never known to have been actively engaged in politics.

In conformity with an order from the Commander-in-Chief, Colonel JOSEPH W. PLUME, of Newark, on Thursday evening visited the City Armory, in Jersey City, for the purpose of inspecting the battalion of the Rifle Corps in that city, to ascertain whether the companies composing it complied with the requirements of the new law. The City Guard, Captain H. G. SHAW, mustered 53 men; the Hoboken Rifles, Lieutenant B. MURPHY, 41 men, and the Kearney Rifles, Lieutenant MAGRATH, 51 men. The first-named company numbers in its ranks some of the most respectable citizens of Hudson County, and is fairly entitled to be considered the leading company of the State, both in drill and discipline. The members execute the manual of arms with the precision of veterans.

On Saturday evening Colonel PLUME visited Hoboken, Hudson City, Washington Village and Bergen City, and inspected the companies located in those places. On the same evening Colonel Wm. E. BURNS, detailed by the Adjutant-General to inspect the militia of Essex County, visited Newark, and inspected the First and Second Regiments of the Rifle Corps, and the Veteran Regiment, all stationed in that city. A number of the companies in the First Regiment having failed to muster the minimum number required by law, will be reported to headquarters for disbandment.

Corporal DUDLEY S. STEELE, of G Company, Seventh Regiment New-York National Guard, on Wednesday evening, was unanimously elected, in Jersey City, First Lieutenant of the City Guard, vice STEKEN, resigned.

On Thursday night an election was held at the City Armory, Jersey City, to fill vacancies in Company C, Fourth Regiment, N. J. R. C. First Lieutenant BENJAMIN HURRY was elected Captain, vice JOHN MCLAUGHLIN resigned; Second Lieutenant ANDREW GRAHAM was elected First Lieutenant, and Sergeant WM. W. PATRICK was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Lieutenant GRAHAM.

Palm Sunday.

To-day is known in the calendar of the Christian Church as Palm Sunday, being the anniversary of the day on which our Saviour entered into Jerusalem, and the people went forth to meet him bearing palm leaves in their hands, and crying "Hosanna." The day will be celebrated in all the Catholic and Protestant churches with great solemnity. In the Catholic churches the peculiar ceremony of blessing the palms will be observed, the services closing with the celebration of the Mass.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

Lieutenant-General SHERIDAN spent yesterday in this City in the company of personal friends, and in the evening went to Niblo's with Mr. THOMAS MURPHY.

HIRSH MEYER, whose stock of dry goods was destroyed by fire at No. 49 Warren-street on Friday evening, as already reported, had insurance for $20,000, being $5,000 each in the Stuyvesant, Pacific, St. Nicholas, Baltic, Firemen's Fund and Lafayette Companies. M. & L. STOCK, who suffered a loss of $20,000, were insured for $10,000 in the Phœnix, $5,000 in the Hamilton, and $10,000 in other companies. The building is owned by SAMUEL WOOD, and is insured for $16,000 in the New-Amsterdam and Union Mutual of Buffalo. C. HOWES, who occupied the basement, sustained a loss of $20,000 by water, and is insured for $40,000 in various companies.

The Mayor's Marshal last week granted the following licenses: Coaches, 6; expressmen, 13; vendors, 40; cartmen, 62; drivers, 125; porters, 11; boarding-houses, 2. Total, 258. Amount received, including fines, $634. Amount refunded parties who were swindled at employment agencies, gift jewelry stores, &c., $487. Yesterday a fine of $1 each was imposed on all drivers of carts, trucks, &c., who were found driving without a license.

At 7:40 last evening a fire was discovered in the five-story marble building No. 61 Reade-street. The floors of the building were occupied as follows: The first by G. M. LEVANTRITT, used as a dry goods store; the second, third, fourth and fifth by VICTOR FERUND, used as a hoop-skirt manufactory. The flames communicated to the premises No. 59, next door, the same style of building. The first floor and basement of No. 59 were occupied by TAYLOR, GIBSON & WILSON, importers of clothier trimmings. The second floor was occupied by M. MAAS, importer of hosiery, gloves, &c. The damage to the stock of LEVANTRITT was about $6,000. The damage to the stock of FERUND was about $20,000. The damage to the building, No. 59, was about $10,000. The stock of TAYLOR, GIBSON & WILSON was damaged to the extent of $8,000. M. MAAS suffered to the extent of $10,000.

At the regular meeting of the Tailors' Union, yesterday evening, the proposed demand for an increase of wages was earnestly discussed. It is said that those tailors who do "piece work" earn only from $8 to $9 per week.

Yesterday afternoon the firm of SCHUFFNER & MULDENAR, of No. 65 Reade-street, dispatched a public porter, named THOMAS HUNT, with four pieces of cloth, valued at $900 in gold, to be delivered at a store in another part of the City. In Broadway HUNT was accosted by a man who desired him to go into a building and procure four boxes of cigars, which he wished to have delivered at a stated place. HUNT went into the building, but was unable to find the cigars. When he returned to the place where he had left his cart the vehicle and the cloth had disappeared. The detectives are on the track of the thief.

REV. JOHN HALL, D. D., of the Fifth-avenue and Nineteenth-street Presbyterian Church, will deliver a popular lecture in the Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church, Morrisania, on Monday evening, the subject being "Religion and Science."

Mr. GREELEY will speak on poultry culture at the Fair of the New-York State Poultry Society, at the Empire City Rink, on Tuesday evening.

The TAX Receiver reports that during the past week he has received the following amounts for taxes: March 15, $11,901 12; March 16, $8,558 74; March 17, $7,879 19; March 18, $6,067 65; March 19, $4,976 96; March 20, $10,006 75—total $48,389 26.

FRANCIS WATTS, a resident of Mott Haven, was found yesterday morning lying in a cellar in Eighth-avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-sixth and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh streets, bleeding from several severe scalp wounds, which it is presumed he received from falling down the stairs leading to the cellar. He was taken to his home.

The arrests by the Police for the week ending yesterday were 1,413.

CHARLES SMITH, aged 27 years, who had been suffering from severe illness for some months, yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, jumped from the third story window of No. 116 Bleecker-street, and, his head striking the pavement at the step, was almost instantly killed. The act was considered to be suicidal, committed while temporarily insane. Coroner FLYNN held an inquest on the body, and the verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

Coroner FLYNN, yesterday afternoon, held an inquest in the case of JOHN H. ERSKALL, of No. 313 Fifth-street, but who had died at No. 6 West-street, where he was temporarily lodging with a friend. Death was found to have resulted from natural causes, the verdict being in accordance with the results of a post-mortem examination made by Dr. WM. SMITH.

SARAH E. ROACH, No. 204 West Eleventh-street, died yesterday from the effects of burns received by her clothes taking fire at the stove in Primary School No. 18, in Waverley-place, between Bank and West Eleventh streets. Coroner ROLLINS was notified to hold an inquest in the case. A report of the accident was published yesterday morning, but it was not then supposed that any serious result would ensue.

At 7:45 o'clock last evening a fire occurred at No. 267 West Eleventh-street, in a dwelling occupied by JOHN HOYALING. The fire was caused by the ignition of escaped gas. The damage was trifling and fully covered by insurance in the Greenwich Company.

A surprise party was given to Mr. W. H. LINGARD, of the Theatre Comique, on Friday night, at his residence, by a number of ladies and gentlemen attached to the different theatres of this City. The affair commenced at midnight, and dancing was continued till 4 o'clock.

Brooklyn.

The property owners to whom awards were made recently by the Commissioners of Estimate for the land and buildings to be taken for the extension of Prospect Park, are dissatisfied with the award of $1,320,921 90, and demand double, and in some cases treble, the amounts awarded.

PIERRE LE DANTES, residing with his family at the corner of Rose-street and Wythe-avenue, Eastern District, took a quantity of laudanum on Friday night, and soon after died. Mr. LE DANTES had suffered serious reverses in business, which led to dissipation and idleness, and so affected his mind as to induce him to rid himself of life and all its troubles. Coroner WHITEHILL will hold an inquest on Monday.

MICHAEL MORIARTY, charged with highway robbery, was arrested a day or two ago, and held for the Grand Jury. Yesterday the Grand Jury found that MICHAIN, who was a man of good character, had attempted to perpetrate a joke on an unwary and frightened Dutchman, and was innocent of any intention to do anybody harm. He was therefore discharged.

The Brooklyn Police made 326 arrests during the past week.

Dr. T. S. LAMBERT, of this City, will lecture this evening in the Park Theatre before the Missionary Temperance Association. His subject is "The Physical Relations of Alcoholic Drink to Longevity." The lecture is free to all.

New-Jersey.

The twelfth session of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference was resumed on Friday in the Franklin-street Church. The annual missionary sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. WILEY. In St. Paul's Church, yesterday, the Treasurer reported collections from Newark, $7,075; Jersey City, $5,134; Elizabeth, $3,149; Morristown, $2,360; Newton, $1,433; increase over last year, $1,044. The report from the Methodist Book Concern shows the assets to be $1,840,919; liabilities, $1,165,234; earnings, $134,678. A Committee have recommended the expulsion from the Conference of Rev. B. D. PALMER, for financial embezzlement. Rev. Mr. CRANE stated there were forty-two churches in the Jersey City district, valued at $360,000. About 500 persons had professed conversion during the year. After announcing appointments for the churches to-day, the Conference adjourned.

At a large meeting of salt meadow owners, held at the Newark Court-house, on Friday, presided over by Mr. IRA HARRISON, a resolution was adopted opposing the Bergen Land Improvement bill, now before the Legislature, and praying for a bill by which the improvement of the meadows shall be under the control of the owners of the property.

A special meeting of the Jersey City Common Council was held last evening, at which resolutions were adopted in favor of consolidation of the cities in Hudson County.

Castlepoint house, the residence of Mrs. E. A. STEVENS, was entered yesterday morning and robbed of a considerable quantity of silver-ware, value as yet unknown. The thieves were discovered about 5 o'clock yesterday morning at Court-street, near Seventh-street, Hoboken, by Officers KEYNOR and HOURIGAN, who, supposing the men to be on evil purpose bent, gave chase, but in consequence of the darkness of the night the thieves escaped and the officers received several severe falls. In their flight the robbers threw away a quantity of silver spoons and forks, but knotted together in a bag they left behind a large quantity of other silver-ware. This morning the goods recovered were identified as the property of Mrs. STEVENS, whose house was ransacked during the night by some persons evidently well acquainted with the premises. By removing a latch they raised a window, and thus gained entrance. They lighted themselves through the house with matches, and are supposed to have carried away property to a large amount.

The man ALEX. CLEMENTS, whose arrest on Friday evening at the Forty-second-street Ferry has been already mentioned, was brought before Justice DOWLING, in Jersey City, yesterday, charged with having on Thursday robbed and brutally beaten, so as to endanger his life, a peddler named PRINCE, who at present lies dangerously ill in the Bellevue Hospital. The offence was committed on the public street at Hoboken. CLEMENTS has been committed to await the result of PRINCE's injuries.

A man named CHRISTOPHER VAN WINKLE was observed yesterday morning, in the County Hotel, opposite the Court-house, Hudson City, putting his hand into the pocket of WM. DOWNEY. The bar-keeper at the hotel observed the attempt at pocket-picking, and had VAN WINKLE arrested for larceny. DOWNEY refused to appear against him. The prisoner was committed on a charge of larceny.

The charter for the City of Bayonne was ratified yesterday by a popular vote—235 having voted for it to 34 against. The new city consists of the neck of land known as Bergen Point, and embraces a population of 4,000 souls. The charter provides for the election of a Mayor and Aldermen every two years. The city is divided into three wards, and will have four or five special constables.

MISSISQUOI SPRING WATER.—The only known remedy for Cancer and all diseases of the Kidneys. For sale by druggists

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1869.

$2,000 U.S. 1-20 C., '65	118½	10 Bank Commerce	132½
10,000 U.S. 1-20 C., '65	118½	10 Metropolitan Bk	142½
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65, Nov	113½	10 Cont. Nat. Bank	102½
$9,000 do	113½	10 Gold Exc. Bank	112
10,000 U.S. 5s, 10-40	108	100 Quicksilver	32
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '67	113½	200 Mar. Pt.	24½
20,000 do	113½	200 Pacific Mail	80½
10,000 do	113½	100 do	80
10,000 do	113½	100 do	80½
10,000 do	113½	100 do	80
10,000 do	113½	100 do	80
10,000 do	113½	100 do	80

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY FRANK G. BROWN, No. 35 and Broadway, Flushing, Monday, March 22, 10 a.m., four lots; 24th-st., near 8th-av., three lots.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Plots of acreage situated on the lower part of the county, on the Southern Boulevard and the line of the contemplated Harlem railroad and Portchester Railroad, well adapted for dividing into lots. ALSO,

at Port Morris, 20 lots, large size, very desirable, in magnificent order for sale. ALSO,

on the Boulevard, one mile from the Harlem River, a place of fifteen acres with fine improvements. ALSO,

at Tremont, near the depot, thirty-three lots situated on high ground and surrounded by fine improvements. ALSO,

at Long Branch, on the one shore south of the Stetson House, a furnished cottage with two and a half acres of land.

A GREAT CHANCE—FOR SALE CHEAP, at the two-story basement and cellar high-stoop house, centre of Twenty-fourth-st., near 6th-av., $4,000; if not sold soon rent $600; also, for sale, the finest dwelling-house front house on Second 16th-st.; large gas, water, hot and cold water, furnace, &c., &c., &c.; in perfect order and location in the City. Apply on the premises to the owner.

CHATHAM-SQUARE AND WORTH-ST.—For sale, the lot southwest corner of Chatham-square and Worth-st., 8 feet front on Chatham-square, apply by the extension of Worth-st. for particulars and terms apply to ROBERT S. LUQUEER, No. 67 Murray-st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY high-stoop brown-stone house on the south side of 37th-st., only one door from 6th and 7th-avs.; it is in splendid condition, and must be sold as the owner has already purchased another for himself. Particulars and permits of THAC HOMIO, No. 25 Pine-st.

TWO VERY NEAT AND DESIRABLE houses, three-story high-stoop brick fronts, Nos. 251 and 253 10th-st., between 7th and 8th ave.; cellars; in very neat order; modern improvements; $4,000; $2,000 to $2,000 cash; will sell separately. Apply at No. 140 West 10th-st., and from 4 to 5 P.M. daily.

FOR SALE—23 VALUABLE WASHINGTON Heights lots. 16 Harlem lots. Also, lots on all the avenues and boulevards.
Hudson and Harlem Water fronts.
G. LESPINASSE, No. 15 John-st.

FOR SALE—WITH OR WITHOUT FURNITURE, the first-class three-story high-stoop brown-stone house, No. 127 East 19th-st. Terms easy. Possession immediately. Apply to E. GODFREY & SONS, No. 29 Spruce-st.

FOR SALE—THE ELEGANT FOUR-STORY and basement brown-stone house, No. 214 East 18th-st., opposite Stuyvesant Park, 24 feet by 70 feet, with 100 feet deep; in first-class order; will be sold at reasonable terms.
M. S. RYERS, No. 49 Broadway.

A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house, most eligibly situated in West 47th-st., near 8th-av.; furniture, with or without the elegant furniture, at a fair valuation. Terms easy. JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 108 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

A BEAUTIFUL THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house in East 12th-st., near 4th-av., first-class in every respect. Price low; terms easy. JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 108 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house in West 45th-st., Hudson 100; parlors halls and staircases solid black walnut; terms easy. JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 108 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

MURRAY HILL, NEAR 5TH-AV.—A VERY pretty three-story high-stoop house, in perfect order, for sale very cheap, with or without furniture; early possession. W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 564—ELEGANT BROWN-stone house, a bargain; also, elegant brown-stone house, No. 209 Madison-av., $24,000; also, on east side 5th and Madison ave., $24,000 to $120,000 and upward.
W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN, A GOOD house, four-story, 25 feet front, in 54th-st., near 8th-av.; must be seen to be appreciated; in perfect order.
WM. H. RAYNOR, No. 4 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop house No. 34 Bourman-place, southeasterly corner of 9th-av. and 53d-st. For particulars apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

FOR SALE VERY CHEAP.

Four lots on 6th-st., near Boulevard. Apply to the owner, No. 76 8th-av., until 3 P. M.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—IN 47TH-ST., near 6th-av., a four-story brown-stone high-stoop house, in complete order. Apply to I. D. DOUGLAS, No. 324 Canal-st.

FOR SALE—WEST SIDE LOTS ON 8TH-ST., opposite Central Park. H. McKENNA, No. 34 Dunne-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS ON 37TH-ST., BE-tween 6th and 7th avs., 100x200. H. McKENNA, No. 34 Dunne-st.

NOS. 332 AND 361 WEST 22D-ST.—for sale or to lease. Apply to JOHN HOEY, No. 59 Broadway.

HOUSES AND LOTS WANTED IN ALL parts of the City by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, No. 78 Cedar-st.

AT NO. 995 BROADWAY—STANLEY DAY, Broker, stands free to your address THE REAL ESTATE CIRCULAR.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

THE COMING EVENT.

Prepare for it, if you are prudent, wise and sensible. It is the sale by order of

JOHNSON & MILLER,
at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 22,

of the valuable

WILLIAMSON HOMESTEAD FARM,

divided into building lots. This property is level, attractive, healthy, and in all respects desirable, surrounded by first-class improvements, and located near

EAST NEW-YORK-AV.

and near the terminus of the

GRAND SACKET-ST.
and
PRESIDENT-ST. BOULEVARDS,

and is one mile nearer Brooklyn than the lots in the great

DURYEA FARM,

recently sold, and which commanded so promptly EAGER AND DELIGHTED PURCHASERS. Prepare for the coming event, and this great sale.

MAPS

THE GREAT SALE,
By order of GEORGE A. POWERS, Esq.,
OF
200 SPLENDID BROOKLYN LOTS.

The best unimproved property now in the market; to be sold at auction
BY JOHNSON & MILLER,
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, AT THE EXCHANGE.

Are now ready at the office of the auctioneers, No. 22 Nassau-st., New-York, and No. 107 Montague-st., Brooklyn, and at the office of G. A. & WM. M. INGRAM, No. 16 Court-st., Brooklyn.

TO LET—STORE ON COURT-ST.—THE FINE large four-story and French-roof brick building, corner of Court and Livingston-sts., consisting of two large stores, 20x80, with handsome plate-glass front; the upper floors, 20x80, are well lighted and can be easily adapted for society or club rooms, or business of any kind, and the top floor 20x80, suitable for a lodge-room or public hall. These premises are in all respects in good order and will be rented low to desirable tenants on application to WYCKOFF & LITTLE, No. 151 Montague-st. and No. 78 Cedar-st., New-York.

MANUFACTURERS

Are requested to make a personal examination of the lots situated on the block bounded by Ryerson-st., Grand, Flushing and Myrtle ave., to be sold under direction of George A. Powers, Esq., by JOHNSON & MILLER, on TUESDAY, March 23, at the Exchange. Maps at No. 22 Nassau-st., New-York, and No. 107 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

MANUFACTURING PROPERTY AT AUCTION, with steam engine, boiler, machinery, brick buildings and machinery, suitable for manufacturing of every kind, on Dean-st., between Carlton and Vanderbilt-ave., Brooklyn, to be sold on
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
AT THE EXCHANGE SALESROOM, NEW-YORK.
By WYCKOFF & LITTLE, Auctioneers.

NEAT COTTAGE—ONE, WITH EXTENsion (brick); all filled in with brick; ten rooms; all improvements; lot 25x100; Gates-av., first house east of Nostrand-ave.; inquire of W. A. WINE, No. 248 Broadway, New-York.

FLATBUSH-AVENUE.

The most valuable unimproved property on this GREAT BUSINESS THOROUGHFARE will be sold by order of
GEORGE A. POWERS, Esq.,
on TUESDAY, March 23, at the Exchange Salesroom.
Maps at office of JOHNSON & MILLER,
No. 22 Nassau-st., New-York, and No. 107 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

$30,000.—FOR SALE, NO. 8 SOUTH Oxford-st., Brooklyn, four-story and high-basement brown-stone house, fifteen rooms, parlor thirteen feet ceiling, seven marble mantels, over an hundred baths, three water closets, furnace, silver trimmed bells, hot and cold water, plate glass, plate glass, walnut, ash, hinges, doors and stairs throughout. Apply on premises, or at No. 310 Cumberland-st.

BROOKLYN RESIDENCE AT AUCTION—No. 8 Fort Greene, place between Fulton and De Kalb, three stories and a half, brown-stone front, with extension all the modern improvements, in splendid location, will be sold at public auction on THURSDAY, March 25, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, auctioneers.

NEAR THE PUBLIC DOCKS,

AT NO. 202 OF
WASHINGTON-AV.

The desirable manufacturing property on the block bounded by Flushing, Park, Gates-ave. and Ryerson-st., to be sold at auction by
JOHNSON & MILLER,
at 12 o'clock, on TUESDAY, March 22, at the Exchange.
Send for maps of it, No. 22 Nassau-st., New-York, and No. 107 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

FOR SALE—THE ELEGANT RESIDENCE No. 169 Washington-av., grounds 100x150, with stable on rear street; price, $14,000; terms cash; mortgage, five years' choice, mortgage, interest and possession immediately. Apply to E. J. BROWN, later depot, Montague, near Clinton, Brooklyn.

WYCKOFF & LITTLE, NO. 74 CEDAR-st., New-York, and No. 151 Montague-st., Brooklyn, have for sale Virginia farms, at from $5 to $20 per acre, according to improvements; and also Western lands from $1.25 to $12 per acre.

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MEDICAL.

EPILEPSY IS CURABLE.—MR. PF. A. EQUANTE, professor of a factory at Warendorf (Prussia,) possessor of several badges of honor, &c., has discovered (in spite of the opinion of the faculty) a remedy for epilepsy, (epileptic convulsions.) The remedy is not a medicinal one, and its infallibility has been repeatedly tested. Pamphlets, treating on Mr. Equante's method of curing with numerous testimonials and letters of acknowledgment from persons being thoroughly cured, from all parts of Europe, America, Asia, &c., will be sent free upon post-paid application. The remedy will be sent "C. O. D." (with bill to subject on delivery,) or upon receipt of 10 francs.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

ELEGANT RESIDENCE
FOR SALE AT AUCTION.
NO. 110 STATE-ST., BROOKLYN,
Between Hicks and Bond streets,
WILL BE SOLD
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1869,
At 12 o'clock, at the City Salesroom, Brooklyn,
BY
WYCKOFF & LITTLE, Auctioneers.

This fine residence is in STATE-ST., near CLINTON-ST., is 50x50 feet, has Sutton & Ft. Lefferts, basement and sub-cellar, with all the latest improvements.

ELEGANT MIRRORS, (fitted in terrapins,) and CHANDELIERS and BRACKETS are sold with the house. The premises can be seen at any time. For maps and full particulars, may be obtained at the office of the auctioneers, No. 151 Montague-st., Brooklyn, and No. 78 Cedar-st., New-York.

NEAR THE CANAL.
TO MANUFACTURERS.

The plot of ground bounded by Hamilton-av., Bush and Hamilton streets, will be sold
THURSDAY, March 25, 1869,
At the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, auctioneers.

FOR SALE—BY H. MACOMBER & SON, NO. 387 Fulton-av., corner of Portland, Brooklyn—Brownstone houses: Nos. 1 Portland-place, Washington-ave., $18,000, only one-third cash; Carlton-av., Washington-av., only $12,000, easy terms; South Oxford-st., $18,000; Elliott-place, elegant with house (three-story) in Brooklyn, only $10,000; also, one for $11,000. (2282)

BROOKLYN RESIDENCE AT AUCTION.—No. 88 Henry-st., between Remsen and Degraw sts., three-story, basement and sub-cellar brown-stone residence, 22 rooms; cellars; all the modern improvements, will be sold on THURSDAY, March 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, auctioneers.

THE GREAT POWERS SALE
OF
200 VALUABLE BROOKLYN LOTS,
BY JOHNSON & MILLER,
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23,
IS THE CURRENT TOPIC OF CONVERSATION
AMONG REAL ESTATE MEN
EVERYWHERE.

CLINTON-AV., BROOKLYN.—FOR SALE, a fine brick house and lot, in perfect order; possession immediately.—By VAN BENSCHOTEN & BUTMAN, corner of Fulton and Gates-ave., Brooklyn.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

A NEW COTTAGE ON GLEN-AV., IN Llewellyn Park, at Orange, N. J., only one hour from the City, containing nine rooms beside bath-room, store-room, closets, gas, water, range, furnace, &c., for sale; also two lots of five acres each. Apply to the owner,
L. S. HASKELL,
Library Building, Orange, N. J.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT, ON STATEN ISLAND.—A large brick house, Italian style, with ten acres of land; hot and cold water through the house, with gas and all modern improvements; green-house and stables. The grounds are laid out with shrubbery, forest trees, and abound with the choicest fruits. These premises are among the finest on the Island, commanding a beautiful view of the Bay, Hudson and East Rivers, and situated at Clifton, about five minutes' walk from the ferry. Inquire of C. BAINBRIDGE SMITH, No. 116 Broadway.

BERGEN POINT.

A. D. MELLICK, JR., & BRO. will sell at auction, March 23, one of the most desirable residences in Hudson County, with a water front. See auction column. Full particulars at No. 22 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ONLY TWO MILES EAST OF Brooklyn, and seven miles from the New-York City, one of the best farms of the kind ever offered; it is all high, warm and dry; under a high state of cultivation, and easy of access by four railroads; this property is beautifully situated for residences for parties desiring to escape the high rents of the City, and its nearness to New-York makes it a most valuable plot for cutting up into city lots. Capitalists desiring to purchase such property will find it to their advantage to examine this at once; it is easily to New-York, for accessibility and the natural advantages of the ground, render it perhaps as safe and valuable an investment, at the price, as can be found within twenty-five miles of the City. It will be sold either in one plot or several, as may be desired. For particulars, &c., apply to J. H. STURTEVANT, No. 15 Broad-st., Room No. 13.

A SPLENDID COUNTRY SEAT FOR sale on Orange Mountain, New-Jersey, with 16 acres, or more if desired; the house is a substantial residence in that State. House 70x70 ft., 2 stories and attic, principally constructed of stone, with full supply of excellent water throughout the house, from living springs, and all the conveniences of a city. Other buildings consist of first-class stone stable and carriage-house, grape-house, orange-house, 3 vineries in full bearing; gardener's lodge, cow-house, and all the usual buildings on a gentleman's country seat; fully supplied with water from springs; 4 acres in pleasure grounds, 2 large fish-ponds with tortoise and cascades, &c., &c., &c. Shade and fruit trees of choicest varieties; also shade and forest trees and evergreens in great variety. There is a brook running through the place. For price and permits apply to E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—AT ELIZABETH, N. J., TWO French-roof high basement houses, just finished; twelve rooms, gas, hot and cold water and furnace and range and boiler all set; stationary tubs, water-closet, bell, speaking-tubes, coal vault under sidewalk, and all other modern improvements. N. B.—These houses are complete, and only three minutes' walk from main depot. Price $11,000. Apply to JAS. C. WOODRUFF, Esq., No. 149 Franklin-st., New-York.

FRUIT CULTURE.—FOR SALE, A PLACE well adapted for growing fruit, having three ponds communicating with each other, on south side of Long Island, within one mile of Bay Shore Station, and three miles west of Islip; large house and necessary outbuildings, in good order; 20 acres; large orchard of thirty apple trees; adjoins the place of Gardich Fruit Farm. Inquire of Messrs. JOHN E. HYDE'S SONS, No. 22 Maiden-lane.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A PRETTY house, 30x40, 11 rooms, 2 acres of ground neatly laid out; stable, four stalls; near Hackensack, N. J.; 15 minutes' drive from depot; time from City to house, 1½ hours; carriage drive of 12 miles from Hoboken. Price, $12,000, or would exchange for City house worth about $9,000 above $24-st.; would pay cash for difference. Address W., Box No. 450 Post Office.

ORANGE, N. J.—FOR SALE OR TO RENT, furnished, a desirable new house; Mansard roof; thirteen rooms and halls; bath room, hot and cold water (laundry); stationary wash tubs; two acres land, laid out with fruit and ornamental trees; barn, carriage-house and stable complete; immediate possession. Apply to BOWLAND JOHNSON, No. 54 Beach-st., New-York.

TO LET OR LEASE—FURNISHED, AT Newburg, on the Hudson, the country place, "Dennemoor," with garden, lawns, stable, coachman's house, ice-house, &c. The house is of unusually large and substantial; beautifully situated; one of the finest places on the river. Apply to D. M. ARMSTRONG, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—AT ELIZABETH, A NEAT, well built house; 10 rooms, 6 marble mantels, gas, furnace, range and water; grounds nicely ornamented; lot 50x170; 7 minutes' walk from the depot; in good neighborhood, near Morris-av.; terms and price easy. Apply at No. 156 Chambers-st.

TO RENT AT BAYSIDE, L. I., ON high ground, with unequaled water scenery, thoroughly and elegantly furnished, contains 13 rooms, an elegant country residence, stabling, barns, &c.; in 40 acres; eight minutes' drive of railroad station. Apply to A. LAWRENCE & OAKLEY, 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE AT NEWARK, N. J.—A three-story brick and stone house with extension; 8 bedrooms, and all modern conveniences; three minutes from railway station and 6 from Broadway; a small stable in rear. Price $9,000; terms easy; possession immediately. J. R. VAN WAGENEN, Jr., No. 42 Broadway.

BERGEN POINT.—A. D. MELLICK, JR., & BRO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, March 25, the most desirable lots in all Bergen Point, fronting on the Boulevard, 100 feet wide, and, next to the river, handsome improvements on every side; see auction column. Full particulars at No. 22 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, beautifully situated and cheap for sale by JAS. M. BLACK, Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE—THE HOUSE AND LOT NO. 67 Wall-st., New-Haven, Conn., the residence of Arthur Pepper, deceased; lot 81 feet front by 150 feet deep. For terms apply to CHAS. A. WHITE, No. 4 Broad-st., New-York, or GARDNER MORSE, New-Haven, Conn.

KAOLIN PROPERTY—VALUABLE Kaolin property, near Marlboro Furnace, Baltimore, Md., will be sold at auction at Baltimore, Md., on MONDAY, March 22. Full particulars and terms of PHELPS, FALLON & CO., No. 4½ Pine-st.

A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, FRONTING on the river, near Hackensack (village) large neat cottage, with ten rooms, complete stable, about 3 acres choice land, finely fruited, shaded, &c., for sale very cheap. Apply to W. P. SEYMOUR, 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE—AT GREENWICH, CONN., five minutes' walk from depot, house 34x46; 11 rooms, 2 stories; lot 100x200. Price $2,800; one-half down; the balance to remain on mortgage. Inquire of JOHN D. ELLIOTT, at depot.

$6,000.—FLUSHING, L. I., HOUSE 34x42, lot 50x150 feet, containing ten rooms, on Sanford, fifth house east of Bowne-av., five minutes' walk from depot. Apply on the premises to J. R. ACKERMAN.

"ECHO POINT"—TEN ACRES, LOCATED East New-Rochelle; most charming place on Long Island Sound; $40,000; one-third down, the money. CHARLES LELAND, Metropolitan Hotel.

LEASE FOR SALE—PRICE $20.—A three-story house, as new as wood; nicely of fruit; rent $400. Apply to E. J. BROWN, later depot, Montague, near Clinton, Brooklyn.

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DWELLINGS TO LET.

PROSPECT PARK PROPERTY TO LET.

Containing all the modern improvements, gas, water, furnace, fine plate glass, with full sized stable, with rooms, shades, &c., &c., &c., complete in every respect. Apply to GEO. W. ORTON, No. 127 South Oxford-st., Brooklyn, or of SIMPSON & CLAFF, No. 8 Wall-st., New-York.

TO LET—FURNISHED, THE FOUR-STORY and basement front high-stoop house, No. 18 West 46th-st., between Broadway and 6th-av.; the house is elegantly furnished, and will be let unfurnished; the house will be put in good order for a good tenant. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Ferrier & Co., in the morning, after 9 o'clock; in the evening, to B. HAXTUN, No. 41 West 17th-st., or during the day at No. 41 South William-st.

A PLEASANTLY SITUATED THREE-story and basement brown-stone house, on south side of West 38th-st., between Broadway and 7th-av., has all modern improvements and will be repaired to suit a good tenant; or will be let unfurnished; the tenant must be able to give good references and responsible security; a lease of three years will be given at $1,800 per year. Apply at No. 9 West 45th-st., near Broadway.

TO LET—AT MODERATE RENT, A NEW country residence, containing 17 rooms and kitchen with range, water and sink; well shaded, with cold spring; outbuildings, stable, dairy, cow-house; plenty of fruit; fine heating and kitchen gardens; 1 mile from Erie Railroad; 12 daily trains; horse-cars given now. Apply to WM. F. HEINS, No. 320 Broadway, Room No. 4.

TO LET—AT NEWTOWN, LONG ISLAND, a furnished house containing five bedrooms, bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, gas, hot blast, range and boiler; plenty shade and small fruit; two large vegetable gardens; within one minutes' walk of depot; half an hour's ride from New-York by two railroad lines; rent reasonable; possession at once. FRANCIS T. WALKER, 10 Wall-st.

A FURNISHED HOUSE TO RENT, FOR one month or years, on reasonable terms, in the village of Greenwich, Madison County, N. Y. It contains thirteen neatly furnished rooms; has good garden; pleasantly situated, within five minutes' walk of Chenango Lake. City references given. Address Box No. 169 Greenwich Post Office.

TO RENT—FURNISHED OR UNFURnished, to a private family, a first-class brown-stone front house, on Brooklyn Heights, five minutes from Fulton ferry; rent, $1,500 per annum. Apply to Box No. 1,252 New-York Post Office.

TO LET—BROOKLYN, 10 MINUTES' WALK from Fulton Ferry, a genteel, four-story stone-front House, in good order, with modern improvements; rent, $1,200; to be sold, if not taken, 10 o'clock. Apply to J. R. CORNELL, Court-st., corner Joralemon.

AT NEW-BRIGHTON, (HAMILTON-PARK,)—To rent, furnished and unfurnished, four-story stone-front house, with all the modern improvements for Summer or Winter residence; delightfully located; very healthy; five minutes from ferry. Mr. HAMILTON, No. 254 Broadway.

COUNTRY SEAT TO LET—BEAUTIFULLY situated on the Passaic River, at North Belleville, contains 14 rooms; 10 to 40 acres of land; fine water front; stables, shrubbery, and every convenience; rent $1,000. Apply to ALLEN & BROWN, 80 Broad.

TO LET—A COTTAGE WITH FIFTEEN acres, pleasantly situated on Hackensack River, one mile south of village of Tappan, New-York Railroad, and two and a half miles north of Northern Railroad station. Apply for one week, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., at No. 121 East 27th-st.

TO LET—TWO THREE-STORY AND BASEment houses with modern improvements, located in the City of Bergen, 15 minutes by horse cars from Jersey City ferry. Nos. 5 and 8 Belmont-place; rent $450. Apply at No. 306 West-st., Troy steamers office.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET TO A strictly private family only; a four-story brown-stone house, in the best locality in Brooklyn, in most splendid order and thoroughly furnished. For terms, &c., apply at No. 192 Greenwich-st., cor. Fulton.

COTTAGE TO LET—ON TOWNSEND-av., Clifton, Staten Island, two minutes' walk from ferry; a very desirable cottage in a neighborhood of cottages. Apply to ABNER ORBORN, No. 128 Greenwich-st.

TO LET—AT NEWTOWN, L. I., A COTTAGE, with ten rooms and water-closet, and small barn; three minutes from depot, and twenty from Hunter's Point; two hours from Fulton Ferry. Apply at the Newtown Depot.

TARRYTOWN—A FURNISHED HOUSE TO let for six months or a year; contains 13 rooms; location good; garden and stable. Address Box No. 66 Tarrytown.

TO LET—THIRD FLOOR OF HOUSE, NO. 68 Jane-st., to a small American family; four rooms, two parlors and closet; water and gas, with separate meter. Inquire from 9 to 1.

TO LET—IN CHARLES-ST., NEAR 7TH, ONE of the new brown-stone houses, ready for an occupant; rent $1,800. Apply to
T. GILDERSLEEVE, No. 18 Charles-st.

NO. 211 EAST 13TH-ST.—WHOLE OR part of the house; brown-stone front; modern improvements; rent $2,200. Possession April 1.

TO LET—A PART OF HOUSE NO. 106 Broadway, corner of 20th-st.; house well built; ceilings high. Inquire up stairs.

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STORES, &C., TO LET.

TO LET—AT NO. 691 BROADWAY, THE third door, 20 by 100; has high cellar, also light room and hoist on the premises; will be received and delivered in the rear; more room can be had if desired; rent moderate to a good tenant.

TWO CORNER STORES ON FULTON-av., Brooklyn, to rent; also, small stores with dwellings. Apply to JOHN NOBLE, No. 316 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, (up stairs.)

A FINE STORE AND BASEMENT, together or separate, in Nassau-st. Apply to
JOSEPH PRICE,
No. 118 Nassau-st., fourth floor.

TO LET—THE TWO SPLENDID STORES No. 460 and 462 Broadway. Apply to H. BLUNT, No. 434 Broadway.

TO LET—SAIL LOFTS—NOS. 34 AND 36 South-st. Inquire of EDWARD SIMPSON, No. 107 Front-st.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

A FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED—IN Harlem, must have coachhouse and stable, for a careful responsible family of three adults; rent not to exceed $600 per month. Address Box No. 1,156 Post Office.

WANTED TO RENT—A PART OF A house, of 7 or 8 rooms, furnished for housekeeping; in a desirable locality; terms must be moderate. Address, with full particulars, H., Box No. 189 Times Office.

WANTED TO RENT—A SMALL THREE-story house, in a good neighborhood, for a family. Address, stating terms (which must be moderate) and location, A. M. B., Box No. 119 Times Office.

WANTED TO BUY—A COTTAGE ON THE Hudson, between New-York and Poughkeepsie, containing one or two acres. Address, all particulars, H. McKENNA, No. 34 Dunne-st., New-York.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF THE TWO ENTIRE BLOCKS EXTENDING FROM THE BROOMEDALE ROAD TO THE HUDSON RIVER, TOGETHER WITH THE VALUABLE WATER GRANTS IN FRONT THEREOF, EXTENDING TO THE PIER-HEAD,

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the magnificent estate known as the Cornelius Bloomingdale Estate, on the Hudson River, fronting on the Hudson River, and from 1264 to 1266 ft. The Grand Boulevard runs through the property, giving four boulevard fronts.

Also, the riparian rights of water grants, extending to the 12th-av. On the place is a large and elegant mansion house, repaired with all modern improvements and conveniences; also, a large and elegant five-stall first-class brick stable, ice-house and conservatory.

This property is as beautifully located as any property on New-York Island; has a remarkably fine River view; is on high ground, with gravel walks, &c., &c., and with a sandy soil. The above described property is now known as the residence of Alvin Higgins.

Will be sold in one parcel.

Maps can be obtained at the auctioneers' office, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT NO. 931 2D-AV.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 22, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, 111 Broadway, 2D-AV.—The dwelling house, three-story brown-stone front, and lot, situate on the west side of 2d-av., between 49th and 50th sts., and known as No. 931. The house is in perfect order, frescoed, and contains the modern improvements. Lot 25x100.

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ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 22, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

9TH-AV.—The lease of the plot of land situate on the west side of 9th-av., between 46th and 47th sts., 24.11 feet south of 46th-st., known as Nos. 626, 628, 630 and 632 9th-av. The lease has twenty years to run from the 1st of April, 1868, at an annual ground rent of $700 up to 1872, after that time $800 per annum; leases to pay taxes. Buildings are sold with the lease.

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ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS ON 7TH AND 8TH STS., NEAR CENTRAL PARK.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 23, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

7TH-ST.—Two lots on the north side of 73d-st., 16½ feet east of 9th-av.

7TH-ST.—Two lots on the south side of 73d-st., 181.8 feet west of 8th-av., immediately in the rear of the last-described lots.

Maps at the auctioneers' office, No. 7 Pine-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

THIRTY-FIVE PLOTS OF SAUGATUCK COUNTY.—A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 22, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

SAUGATUCK, CONN.—Thirty-five plots of beautiful land at Saugatuck, (Green's Farms Station,) Conn., embracing some of the finest building sites in the vicinity; healthy and picturesque country, in close proximity to the New-Haven Railroad, and fronting on Elm and West roads, and on Davenport-av. The dimensions of the plots are generally 21 feet by 80; some of them are 25 feet and 32 feet by 80; depths varying from 115 to 184 feet; all within a mile of the village of Saugatuck, of the attraction and its preventive salubrity.

Maps at No. 17 Cedar-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

POSITIVE SALE

ELEGANT BROWN-STONE HOUSE AND LOT BEST IN SOUTH OXFORD, BROOKLYN, E. D.

ALSO,

4 DESIRABLE VACANT LOTS, ADJOINING, INCLUDING THE CORNER OF 3D-ST., AT AUCTION.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
with sell at public auction,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1869,
At the Auctioneer Mart, at the
EXCHANGE SALESROOM, No. 111 BROADWAY,
(Trinity Building, New-York;)

The handsome Italian Villa and lot, No. 18 South-st., situate on the south side, commencing 100 feet 50 in. in feet east of 3d-st., Brooklyn, E. D; lot 25 feet 5 inches front and rear, by 95 feet 6 inches deep; 2 stories and attic, fully furnished, in all the way up; beautifully finished throughout; all the modern improvements; marble hall and vestibule filled with marble and bronze statuary; cellar filled and fitted with water; hot and cold water; gas; furnace; coal cellar; stable, with an entrance to a good location; capable of holding two carriages and horses; a good yard in the rear; a good well of water; a cistern; a fine garden; fruit trees; &c. No encumbrances having been made down, time to time by the present owner, which might cause the property to be pronounced to be one of the most convenient, elegantly arranged and well-appointed houses to be found in Brooklyn; also, adjoining the corner of 3d-st., each 25 feet 5 inches front and rear, by 75 feet deep, suitable for immediate improvement; the lot on the corner is occupied by a small dwelling-house, and no more desirable place of residence can be obtained for growing business in the City of New-York, or Brooklyn, E. D. Property in the vicinity is constantly rising in value, and this sale offers unusual inducements to parties in search of a place of residence, speculation or profitable investment. Terms of sale: Fifty per cent of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage for five years. The title is indisputable. Possession May 1.

FOR PERMITS TO VIEW THE HOUSE, MAPS AND FULL PARTICULARS, APPLY TO THE AUCTIONEER, ALBERT H. NICOLAY, NO. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE THIRTEENTH WARD PROPERTY ON DELANCEY AND COLUMBIA STS.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 24, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom:

DELANCEY-ST.—Premises No. 175, corner of Willett-st., 20 feet front, brick house and lot; now; has gas, water and sewer.

DELANCEY-ST.—Premises No. 224, adjoining, new two-story brick house; has water, gas and sewer.

DELANCEY-ST.—Premises No. 226, adjoining, four-story single tenement house, in good order; has water, gas and sewer. Possession immediately. Fifty per cent can remain.

COLUMBIA-ST.—Three-story and basement brick house and lot No. 14 Columbia-st., between Broome and Grand sts., in best order; has hard-finished walls. Possession 1st May. Half on mortgage.

Maps at No. 37 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

TWENTY-EIGHT LOTS
ON
GRAND BOULEVARD
AND
16TH-ST.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1869, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom:

16TH-AV. BOULEVARD—Four lots on the east side of 11th-av., commencing at southeast corner of 146th-st.

16TH-ST.—Twenty-four lots on the south side of 16th-st., immediately in the rear of the Boulevard; lots each 25x100 feet.

16TH-ST.—2 lots on north side of 146th-st., commencing 175 feet east of the Grand Boulevard. Each 25x100. Block.

16TH-ST.—2 lots on south side of 147th-st., immediately in the rear of the Boulevard; lots 25 feet 2½ block. Title perfect. Maps at No. 37 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

VILLA PLOTS IN WESTCHESTER.—A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 23, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom:

Westchester—4 magnificent plots of ground in the town of Westchester, Westchester County, forming part of the estate of Mary E. Cornell, and situated on the Throg's Neck road, the road to Pelham Bridge, the Middletown road and the road to West Farms. It is beautifully laid out in plots, varying from 2½ acres to half an acre, and is within a mile of the village (a very pleasant village) in close proximity to Westchester Creek, at the steamboat landing. The survey of the Port Chester Railroad route is opposite this tract, and between it and the Sound, and within 1½ miles of the Junction and collateral branches on the property, fine lawn and shade trees, &c. The old road, Leonard-st., Cornell-st. and Everett-st. intersect the property. Full particulars and valuable routes to steamboats. Maps at 37 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE 3D-AV. AND CLINTON-ST. PROPERTY.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 22, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom:

3D-AV.—4 lots of ground, corner 3d-av. and 59th-st., each 25 by 95, (corner 25.3.) Unexpired and ready for building.

CLINTON-ST.—The plot of ground, No. 12 Clinton-st., on the south side, 140 feet from Houston-st., 29 feet by 50, with an 8 ft. 6 in. right of way, on which is one two-story and five two-story brick buildings, now occupied as a brewery, and a front house, almost new, three-stories.

Maps at No. 37 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

CENTRAL PARK LOTS.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on MONDA

TENNESSEE.

Ten Culture in East Tennessee—Successful Experiment by an Old Gentleman—The United States Prosecution Against the East Tennessee Railroads—The Case at a Halt.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KNOXVILLE, Wednesday, March 17, 1869.

A fact of which I was ignorant has lately been developed by a series of articles of the *Press & Herald*, of this city, upon the culture of tea. It seems that in 1850 some tea plants were distributed through the Agricultural Department at Washington, some of which were sent by Hon. HORACE MAYNARD to Mr. JAMES CAMPBELL, a thriving farmer near this city. Since that year Captain CAMPBELL has been experimenting with the plant, and, after careful study, says it can be easily raised in this climate. The climate of East Tennessee is about equal to that of China or Japan. Our Winters are mild and short. It is seldom that the thermometer sinks below fourteen degrees. Frosts come late in the Fall, and leave early in the Spring. The plant can easily be protected, and the experience of Mr. CAMPBELL shows that it can be cultivated here without doubt. His farm is some ten miles southeast of this city, on the rich bottoms of the French Broad River, and well situated for a fair test of culture. The plant is a deep evergreen shrub, and attains, at its full development, a height of five feet. It is strong and compact, and needs but little protection from the frost. It bears well; has a beautiful flower which develops about October. The next season produces a seed something resembling a hazel, which grows readily. Mr. CAMPBELL has not attempted its culture to any extent. His idea was to prove fully its adaptedness to this climate rather than to embark in any enterprise in its cultivation. He has for some years raised all the tea he needed for his own family, and he feels quite well satisfied with its taste and the yield. It has been pronounced by several gentlemen fully equal to "Young Hyson." That he should have satisfied himself so long since of the adaptedness of this plant to this climate, and that such conclusions have not long since become known, and the enterprise been fairly tested on a larger scale, is a matter of surprise to me. It is a fact of great importance, as it seems to me, and it might be well for the Agricultural Bureau at Washington to encourage other and more extended experiments. If we can raise our own tea and our own beet-root sugar, as I fully demonstrated in my last letter, we shall be relieved from a heavy expenditure which yearly inures to the benefit of the Chinese and Japanese. East Tennessee, as I have shown in other letters, has peculiar advantages as to climate, and if we can raise tea for the whole country it only adds one more to the class of resources we claim to possess. A climate that shows a mean of 50° or 55° in Winter, and 65° or 70° in Summer, should be adapted to the culture of tea or almost anything else.

THE UNITED STATES AND EAST TENNESSEE RAILROADS.

The adjourned term of the Circuit Court of the United States for this district, met yesterday morning for the trial of two of the officers of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad Co., who are indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government of the United States out of the sum of $487,000. One count of the indictment is for combining and conspiring to defraud the Government out of the sum of $487,000, by preparing and swearing to certain fraudulent claims for property said to have been taken by the Government during the war, of the value after said. The second count charges the presentation of said false and fraudulent claims so falsely sworn to at the Department of War at Washington. The second count cannot be sustained, as the Court could hardly have jurisdiction if the allegations were true in point of fact. At a former day of the regular term this indictment was returned into Court, and the defendant procured the adjourned term in the hope that the Government might then be prepared to try the case upon its merits, as it was not ready when the indictment was returned.

At the opening of the Court on Monday it became apparent that the Government was not and would not be prepared to proceed with the case. The District-Attorney's commission had expired, and no one had been appointed to represent the Government either pro tem. or permanently.

Associate Justice SWAYNE was telegraphed to and requested to appoint an Attorney to proceed with the case. He answered the Government would take prompt action in the case, but nothing has yet been done. The Company, whose interests are greatly prejudiced by this proceeding, stands ready demanding a trial, but the prosecution does not proceed. The *Tribune*, secretly armed by the information of the real prosecutors in this case, raises the cry of treason, and asks Congress to press the roads to the wall. Why is the Government not ready to proceed if the case is easily made out? Why does the Government permit such a case to be prosecuted if the parties are not to have a "speedy trial?" The facts of the case, divested of all political feeling, is simply this: In 1863, when General BURNSIDE came into East Tennessee, he took possession of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, including the road, rolling stock, shops, machinery, supplies, &c. The Government, through the army, retained possession of the road until the Summer of 1865, when it was turned over to the officers of the Company. When the road was surrendered, the Government sold to the Company a large lot of tools and rolling stock. These claims have been presented for payment several times. The Company, as an offset, made an account against the Government for all the articles used during the war, and presented the same to be allowed to the proper department at Washington. The account was carefully prepared in detail, and each item claimed fully described and valued. The heads of the different departments of the road made the estimates in their respective divisions. The hands employed, or the chiefs of the various departments, were examined as to the accounts, and duly sworn. They testified in substance that such articles named in the account as belonged to their departments were on hands when the road went into the hands of the military, and that the sum had been used in running the roads during the time so held. These affidavits are full and minute. The charge now is, that the items of the account, as presented, were in many cases greatly over-estimated, and that the officers of the Company knew that fact before they were qualified, and that they conspired and confederated to defraud the Government in this way. It is charged as one item in the account that the Government used and consumed ten thousand cords of wood. The Government, or the men who are active in this prosecution, know that the account is substantially correct, and can be sustained; but their object now seems to be to effect delays and embarrass the officers of the road. We are in some measure accustomed to divide up cases in this State according to the political complexion of the parties, and we are not surprised to hear the cry of treason and rebellion from men under some circumstances, but we think it rather too narrow a view of the case to be taken by the *Tribune*. It is true that some of the officers of the road were rebels, but that should not be the controlling idea with the Government in settling with such corporations which now in our present situation are of very great public importance. It would be a great public calamity if these roads were now seized and made useless to the country. The whole South uses this great trunk line, and it is essential to its early recuperation. Those who are pressing this prosecution are among the loud opposers to the growth of the South. If the Government will deal liberally with these corporations, the day is not far distant when their increased business, doubled and quadrupled by the growth and prosperity of this section, will enable them to pay promptly all their claims. I have forborne heretofore, making any statements relative to this case, hoping to report soon the trial. As this cannot be, I give these facts. Mr. J. W. FORNEY and a Company of Northern capitalists propose visiting East Tennessee next month on a tour of observation.

OMEGA.

Ex-Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania.

From the Pittsburg (Penn.) Gazette, March 20.

The rumor from Harrisburg, that Ex-Governor CURTIN has accepted the Russian Mission, comes to us in advance of any definite intelligence of either his nomination by the President-

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THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Further Proceedings Yesterday—Affidavits of Messrs. Fisk, Whitmore, Tweed, Durant and Others.

In the Supreme Court, Special Term, yesterday, before Judge BARNARD, the case of JAMES FISK, Jr., against the Union Pacific Railroad, the Credit Mobilier of America et al., was up on two motions made by the plaintiff. The first one was for the purpose of having Mr. THOMAS C. DURANT, the Vice-President of the Union Pacific Road, punished for contempt in refusing to be sworn before a referee. As has been already published in the TIMES, the plaintiff obtained an order, a short time since, appointing Mr. A. A. REDFIELD a referee to take the testimony of certain officers of the two Companies above named, which testimony was for the avowed purpose of being used in the shape of affidavits, on a motion which the plaintiff proposed to make for a receivership. Some of these officers, according to plaintiff's statement, being unwilling to make affidavits voluntarily, an order was obtained, in pursuance of certain provisions of the Code. When Mr. DURANT was subpœnaed before the referee, he attended, but under advice of his counsel refused to be sworn. Hence this motion to punish him as for contempt of Court.

Mr. Field for the motion, read several affidavits setting forth in substance this state of facts. Affidavits were also read on the other side, in which many of the allegations of Mr. Fisk were denied.

Judge BARNARD said that while there might be a technical contempt on the part of Mr. Durant he did not deem it his duty to punish him, provided he would now submit to an examination. All the plaintiff wanted, evidently, was to obtain the necessary testimony. He would direct that the examination should proceed at once before the Court.

Mr. Chas. Tracy, in behalf of the Company, protested. He said there was no authority, either in the Revised Statutes or in the Code, for taking the examination before the Court.

Judge BARNARD—It has been done in this District for the last eight years in thousands and thousands of cases.

Mr. Tracy had no doubt it had been done. It was done in the Erie litigation, and might be done in this, if no objection were made. But they did claim that the only way to conduct the examination legally, was to follow the statute, and that provided for a compulsory examination before a referee. The higher Courts had so decided.

The Court held that whatever power it had the right to delegate to a referee, it could exercise of itself.

Mr. Field—Now, Mr. Durant, will you please be sworn?

Mr. Tracy—Mr. Durant declines to be sworn.

Mr. Field—Then I move that he be committed to jail until he will consent to testify.

Mr. Tracy asked perhaps the best way would be to withdraw the objection to his being sworn. Whatever objection they had, they could raise when the questions were asked.

Mr. Thos. C. Durant was accordingly sworn, and, among other things, testified as follows:

Q.—How came the Credit Mobilier to get the funds?

A.—They were subscribed for, and paid dollar for dollar; Oakes Ames has never been a Director of the Company; he is a stockholder and had a contract to build something like 600 miles; Oliver Ames is the President of the Company and a brother to Oakes Ames.

Q.—Was Oliver Ames interested in this contract of his brother Oakes Ames?

Question objected to by the counsel for the Company. The Court allowed the question.

A.—He was interested in it to the extent of his shares.

Q.—Did the lenders of money take an interest under the Oakes Ames contract?

The witness said the contract was in writing, and the Court, at the suggestion of counsel, instructed the witness that he was not bound to give oral testimony as to their contents. Witness said he is a stockholder in the Credit Mobilier to the extent of half a million of dollars; he had received some dividends on it; thought it was less than 50 per cent in all.

Q.—Now, did you ever pay anything for that stock?

A.—Yes, I paid 100 cents on a dollar.

After several witnesses had paid 100 cents on a dollar for two-thirds of the half million. On the remaining one-third he had paid nearly the face of it.

Q.—Have you any interest in the Oakes Ames contract? A.—I have not; I am a stockholder in the Union Pacific Road; the trustees of this contract are all directors—Oliver Ames, R. R. Bates, Sidney Dillon, John Duff and others; the trustees were for the purpose of protecting the Company; the same trustees were appointed for the 600 miles contract beyond the Ames contract.

Q.—Has the Credit Mobilier any property in this State? A.—I do not think it has.

Q.—Has the Union Pacific Union Road any property in this State? A.—I suppose they may own some bonds in this City; I don't believe there are $50,000 of the Union Pacific Company's securities in this City that are not pledged for loans; the Company receives bonds from the Government for about as twenty miles of the road are built and accepted.

Here Mr. Field asked Mr. Durant to bring into Court the books of the Union Pacific Road.

Mr. Durant—Well, that I can't do. They are not in my custody.

Mr. Field said he would now move the Court that an order be made, that the receivership be continued at the Credit Mobilier of America until after trial and judgment in this case. He had several affidavits which he desired to read on this motion.

Mr. Tracy, on behalf of the Company, objected. He said the motion came up on twenty-four hours notice to them. They had a temporary receiver already, Mr. Wm. M. Tweed, Jr., having been appointed on Tuesday last by Judge Barnard, to take possession of all the property of the Credit Mobilier in this State. The Court was now asked to make one of the largest and most important orders which it had ever made.

From the opening statements of counsel, it appeared that plaintiff had reason to believe that the bonds of the United States and the first mortgage bonds belonging to the Union Pacific Railroad Company were to be transferred to the Credit Mobilier; from this Tweed was made receiver of the bonds belonging to that Company. The order having been made *ex parte*, was only until the further order of the Court, and the order accompanying it was made returnable the next day. The following is the order:

Upon the affidavit of A. H. Whitmore and James Fisk, Jr., sworn the 20th of March, 1869, the affidavits of Chas. Fisk, Henry Schoonmaker, and James Fisk, Jr., sworn the 19th of March, 1869, the summons original and amended, the complaint original and supplemental, and the order made herein on the 12th of March, 1869, to show cause why a receiver of the property and assets of the defendant, the Credit Mobilier of America, in the State, or subject to its jurisdiction, should not be appointed, being now duly heard in the Court that the defendants intend to evade its jurisdiction, and to remove the property of the Credit Mobilier of America and the funds and securities of the Union Pacific Railroad Company from the State which intentions may be carried into effect if a receiver be not appointed without delay.

It is therefore, on motion of Field & Shearman, plaintiff's attorneys, ordered:

1. That a receiver be now appointed of the property and assets of the said Credit Mobilier of America of whatever kind in this State and subject to its jurisdiction, with power to take immediate possession thereof, and with all the usual powers of receivers in like cases, and William M. Tweed, Jr., is hereby appointed such receiver to continue as such until the further order of this Court in the premises. And, inasmuch as it appears that, by arrangement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Credit Mobilier of America, all the bonds of the United States, delivered from time to time to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and all the mortgage bonds issued by the said Union Pacific Railroad Company, which have been made a part of its railroad or of its lands, or the proceeds thereof, are, in some form, transferred or paid to, or agreed to be transferred or paid to the Credit Mobilier of America, or held for its account and for its benefit, it is further ordered, that the said receivership shall extend to all bonds of the United States, and all bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, now in the possession, or under the control of the said Union Pacific Railroad Company, or of any officer or agent thereof, or held in trust for or hereafter to be delivered by the Government or under its control, or to be received by it or for its account or benefit; and the proceeds of all such bonds of the United States or the said Union Pacific Railroad Company hereinbefore and hereinafter to be in possession or under the control of the said Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the said receiver is hereby directed to take immediate possession of all such bonds and proceeds.

2. That before entering upon the performance of his duties the said receiver file with the Clerk of this Court his bond to the people of this State in the penal sum of $100,000, executed by himself and one or more sureties conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such receiver, and for obedience to the orders of this Court in the premises, which bond to be approved by one of the Justices of this Court.

3. That the said Credit Mobilier of America, its directors, officers and agents, deliver, forthwith delivery over to the said receiver all the property and assets of the said Credit Mobilier of America, of whatever kind, in this State, or subject to its jurisdiction, with all vouchers and securities therefor, and all books, papers and documents relating thereto.

4. That the President, Directors, Officers and other officers and agents of the said Credit Mobilier of America, and of the said Union Pacific Railroad Company, be restrained from obstructing or interfering with the said receiver in taking or retaining possession of the property of which he is appointed receiver.

5. That the defendants herein show cause before the Court at a Special Term thereof to be held at the General Term room in the Court-house in the City of New-York on the hearing of this motion, why the order for the appointment of a receiver should not be continued until the trial and judgment in this action, and why a further order should not be made accordingly, specifying the property of which a receiver is hereby ordered to take and retain the powers and duties of such receiver.

6. That the said receiver avoiding any injury to the said railroad company, or obstruction to the progress of its railroad, the said receiver have leave to apply to this Court, or a Judge thereof, at any time for directions touching the exercise of his duties as to the discharge of the debts or expenses of the said Company.

The argument was allowed to proceed, and Mr. Field read several affidavits. Among them was one that of Russell A. Alger, who swore he was informed that immediately after the appointment he went to No. 52 Broadway, the office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, as he was informed. Office of the Credit Mobilier. He saw there Mr. Durant, Mr. Rustell, Mr. Tuttle, the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Crane and Mr. Hall, late Assistant Secretary of the Credit Mobilier, and Mr. Tweed, the receiver. Crane said to Durant, they had received no notice that Hall, they told him there were the same shares of the Credit Mobilier, and no bonds or proceeds of bonds, and that the only bonds of the road in the State were securities pledged for loans. Durant said he would see Mr. Tweed, and he went to John J. Cisco's office, and Cisco informed him he was only national treasurer, that the Pacific Railroad Company was indebted to the Company $100,000, on $200,000, of bonds, and he believed the Fourth National Bank had also loaned the Company on bonds. Mr. Tweed, Durant said, had gone to the Fourth National Bank, and Tweed said he was refused, and refused information as to the amount. Mr. Tuttle, had previously told him the Company had overdrawn in that bank $250,000. Mr. Cisco told him it was a debt of the Credit Mobilier, and moved to the office of the General Railroad Company, but on inquiring there was told that it had no office there.

Eaden H. Whitmore being sworn says: I have been informed by a person who had direct means of knowledge, but who is not now in this State, and I believe that the Credit Mobilier of America has now, and for a long time past has had entire charge of the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad; that in construction of said road the length has been very much extended, and curves, nominally for the purpose of avoiding snow, greatly increased the cost of the road, and of the road as built, in reality the grades of the road are much greater, and the curves much more extensive than they have been represented to be; that very little, if any, work has been done upon the road, as represented, by the proceeds of the bonds issued to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that a great part of the proceeds of the Credit Mobilier in this State, relating to the length of the road, and to its construction, and to the bonds issued by the United States, and the mortgage bonds issued by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, have been made and contracted at a cost far less than would have been necessary at the original time and period; that the road has been built and equipped in a manner far inferior to the original intention, and that the Credit Mobilier of America, representatives over 60 have already become rich and rapidly from their own original debts, partly from the fraudulent manner in which the funds in hand, and partly from the careless usage which they have received from the servants of the said Credit Mobilier; that the said Credit Mobilier in supplying said road and furnishing said materials therefor have made fraudulent and exhorbitant contracts with various companies, composed in the main of members of the Credit Mobilier; that the Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company have made contracts with certain coal companies, formed by themselves, and in which they have the principal interest, for the supply of a very large quantity of coal, which said road will need, and will, during the next fifteen years, at about double the price for which the same quality of coal could be obtained in open market, deliverable in the same place and time; that he has been informed, and believes that a large number, if not all, the directors of the said Credit Mobilier, and are directly interested in the contracts made by, and profits accruing to, the said Credit Mobilier, of a much larger amount than the amount of stock held by them in the said railroad company; that the profits of the said Credit Mobilier upon every mile of road constructed by it for the said railroad company are not less than $16,000 per mile, ranging upon many parts of the road much higher; I am informed and believe that in procuring the acceptance of one of the recent sections of said railroad, the sum of $20,000 was paid by the directors of said Company to a single United States Commissioner to procure him to sign the report approving said section; that said section included about ten miles on which there is not a tie nor a rail laid, and upon which the said Company received $480,000 Government subsidy, and were authorized to issue a corresponding amount of first mortgage bonds; that said Commissioner were taken around said section of ten miles in what is known as one of the employes of the road as the "Z" drank and sleeped and at night by said Company; that the cars were taken over said "Z" on grades of over 200 feet to the mile, being hauled up and let down by ropes; that the

This affidavit is subscribed and sworn to on the 16th of March.

James Fisk, Jr., being sworn, says: Since the making of my affidavit of the 15th inst., upon which an order was that day granted to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed, the said Union Pacific Railroad Company have passed a joint resolution in the House of Representatives, which resolution has passed the House of Representatives, and is now before the Senate.

Most of the defendants in this action are not residents of this State, and I am informed and believe that it is their intention, as soon as the said joint resolution is passed, to place all the property of the Credit Mobilier and of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the charge of one or more of the defendants herein, who is not a party to this action, and who is not a resident of this State, and who is not subject to the process of this Court, and who is not subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the ultimate purpose of the transfer of the Credit Mobilier in this State to the locality of the said, and to the non-residents named, is that the United States, and the mortgage bondholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, may be compelled and induced to lend more money to the said Union Pacific Railroad Company than would have been necessary to the original line and period; that the road has been built and equipped in a manner far inferior to the original intention and period; that the road has been built and equipped in a manner far inferior to the original intention and period; that the road has been built and equipped in a manner far inferior to the original intention